REBEL

It's hard to find a date **THAT'S** not related to you. Your parents know **WHAT** yo do before you do it. It just so **HAPPENS** that your teachers were also your parents teachers. Heavy traffic is **WHEN** there are more than five cars at the four-way stop. **YOU** dial a wrong number, and end up talking for ten minutes anyway. Every person you pass on the road waves at you, even if you dont **LIVE** here. Word gets back before you do that you drove your car **IN** a ditch. When you go for **A** walk, four people stop and ask if you need a ride. The only place to hang out on Friday night is in a **SMALL** parking lot. You can't imagine living in a **TOWN** that has a stoplight.

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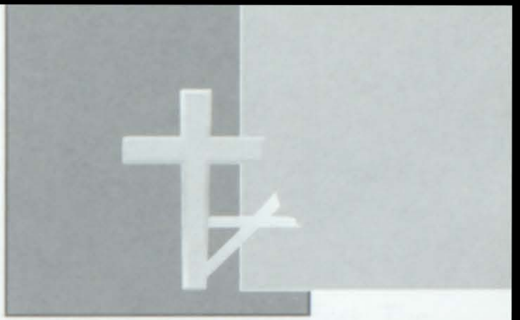


Left- Sophomores rack their brains for the answers as they take their Bible test. The Bible classes often went to the dining hall in order to spread out for various activities, especially test taking.

Below left- **Brady Chase** chuckles quietly at a comment by teacher, Mr. Brill, as the other seniors listen attentively.

Gaining Spiritual Insight

Bible class was very exciting and informative this past year. From diving into the Word, to writing vigorously on Bible verse quizzes, to listening to fellow students singing songs in Spanish before their missions trip to Mexico (where they worked with former NC administrator Rich Musgrave building wheelchair ramps for a church and putting a roof on a medical clinic), to watching American Idol--overall, the year was enjoyable.

Students analyzed Bible passages by taking an in-depth look at what they meant, as well as by discussing how they could learn something to apply to their daily lives from the verses. Each class followed their prescribed curriculum under the direction of Mr. Brill. Learning daily from God's Word was one of the key things that set NC apart from other schools and helped students travel along a path to godliness.

-Ashley Stone

Left- **Mr. Brill** teaches the sophomore class in Room 101. Due to a small kindergarten class, Room 101 was used for high school classes, in spite of the fact that the rest of the building was used for the elementary.

"Like sands through an hourglass, so are the days of our lives."

by

Lisa Osler

Above- **Bruce Chen** works with his translator during study time in his junior Bible class.

Left- Sitting at a table in the dining hall, **Tyler Nunnenkamp** works diligently on his test. The additional space in the dining hall insured plenty of room for students to relax and take their tests without distractions.

Right- The pep band plays for a pep rally before Homecoming. **Ashley Stone** sparked school spirit with the driving beat of her trap set during pep rallies and games throughout the year.

"The best part of choir is meeting new people on the tour and eating at all the potlucks."

by

Josh Bailey

Above- The band, left to right, front to back; Row 1: Will Dobson, Winter Flodman, Holly Urban, Jessica Kirby, Lindsey Hadenfeldt, Valerie Ritta, Ayano Otsuka *Row 2:* Byron Reimer, Samuel Hwang, Drew Hanke, Jake Tonniges, Ashley Stone *Row 3:* Caleb Coleman, Reed Hanke, Chrissy Ritta, Lisa Osler, Laura Reimer, Stephanie Ritta, Abbie Krug (not pictured Melissa Krieger)

The Sound of Music

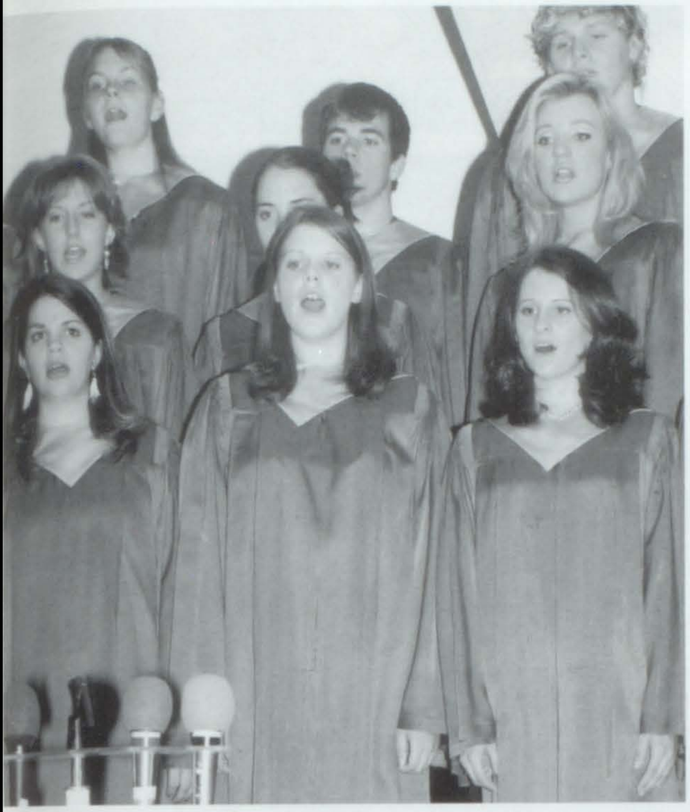
La La La La La! Every day during 4th period, the sound of music could be heard from the music and worship center. Traditionally, music has been one of the most popular activities at Nebraska Christian with over half of the students participating annually.

Being involved in music took students a lot of time and effort. The average band student was expected to practice at least two hours per week outside of class. Choir students surrendered their Sundays to go on tour and sing at various churches in the surrounding area. Ensemble students had the most responsibility because not only did they participate in the choir and go on tour, but they also had several other trips to additional locations, some of which were several hours away.

The highlight of the season for most music students was the chance to work with, and be directed by, Carnegie Hall conductor Eric Knapp. Mr. Knapp came for the Dinner and Benefit Auction in March and conducted a combined choir and instrumental group made up of NC students and staff, the G.I. Evangelical Free Church Singing Christmas Tree Choir, and the Hastings College Ensemble.

Most students who participated in band, choir, or ensemble over the year saw that it had more benefits than being able to sing or play a musical instrument. Joy Ruark said, "Being in choir has not only given me confidence when being in front of people, but it has also given me opportunity to be an encouragement and witness to others through music." Using their God-given abilities, participants continued the traditions which have made the NC music program a success over countless years.

-Bill Griepenstroh



Top- The Master's Musicians, left to right: Laura Reimer, Ashley Miller, Sarah Garwood, Joy Ruark, Melissa Krieger, Valerie Ritta
Middle- Students sing from their hearts during the Harvest Festival. Every year the choir performance is a highlight of the banquet.
Above- **Ayano Otsuka** plays the clarinet, and **Winter Flodman** plays the flute as the pep band encourages the team to get psyched-up for the game. **Beth Ignowski** agreed to hold music for those sitting next to her, since she wasn't in band.

Above- The choir, left to right, front to back, Row 1: Josh Bailey, Matt Ryan, Victoria Bergen, Megan Bordenkircher, Katie Beck, Charice Schweitzer, Beth Ignowski, Ashley Miller, Sarah Kauk, Ayami Fukushi, Ruby Chang, Sevenna Chen, Jason Weedin, Sam Krug *Row 2:* Luke Faeh, Samuel Stuhmer, Andrea Hicks, Carmen Dockweiler, Stacey Krieger, Jessica Kirby, Sarah Garwood, Sydney Zaruba, Mikayla Wegner, Meagan Elge, Kelli Garwood, Alli Griess, Daniel Jang, Micah Unruh *Row 3:* Jon Ritta, Brady Chase, Melissa Krieger, Valerie Ritta, Rose Fansler, Laura Reimer, Micah Neely, Tyler Schreiber, Holly Urban, Sarah Rainbolt, Michael Wegner, Nic Ryan, Drew Hanke, Samuel Hwang

Right- **Ayano Otsuka** and **Ayami Fukushi** draw some projects Mrs. Hanke assigned to the class while discussing their notes from the encouragement balloons.
Far right- The art class threw a going away party for Holly Murphy with brownies, gummy worms, and *Napoleon Dynamite* before she left for China. **Tyler Schreiber** and **Jordan Davis** thoroughly enjoyed this along with the rest of the 5th hour class.

"The difference between mere expression and art is the capability to mix passion with color."

by

Taffy Lee

Above- **Sadie Birnie** dilligently works on an abstract watercolor painting. She sent three projects to the conference art contest.

Benefits Beyond the Drawing Board

If by any chance, someone happened to wander down into the lower levels of the Ad building, he or she would have discovered the wonderful and sometimes quirky world of the art class. Whether it was 4th or 5th period, he or she would find that talking, laughing, singing, and listening to music were all normal parts of class time. Such elements not only made art class enjoyable but also unique. Instead of the regular silent study halls and strenuous classes, students in art were free to relax and socialize as they worked on new and interesting techniques to improve their artwork. Mrs. Hanke, the art teacher, inspired many to work hard and try new projects. She had her hands full with many students experimenting with medias such as pastel, chalk, watercolor, acrylic, and pointillism under her direction. Art students gained talent and experience, developed or improved their skills, and learned to have an appreciation for the field of fine arts.

-Joyful Ruark

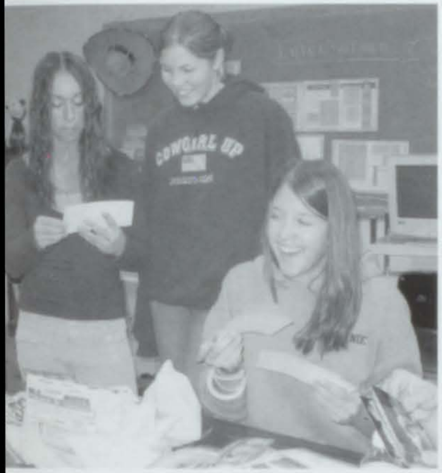
Above- **Joyful Ruark** stands next to her picture that she drew for the Air National Guard noseart contest. Her picture was picked out of 25 others to be placed on the nose of the KC 135.

Left- **Lindsay Swanson**, **Annie Nickel**, and **Becca Brill** work diligently on their pages for the first deadline. By making the first deadline, the yearbook staff earned a free color cover.
Below Left- While joking around about school pictures, **Bill Griepenstroh** and **Mike Swanson** sort the students' photos into classes.

Quality Takes Time and Effort

Writing articles, placing pictures, looming deadlines, and eating snacks pretty much summarized the activities of the yearbook class of 2005. Everyone on staff enjoyed hashing out a theme and deciding what the cover was going to look like. Mrs. Moody and Mrs. G. got a kick out of listening to the group argue day after day. Finally, after a couple of weeks, the staff had both the theme and cover picked out and set in stone (until they went to the conference in Columbus and changed their minds). Their next task was raising the money to create the book. This was accomplished through ad sales and candy cane/ Hugs and Kisses sales at Christmas time. Sadly, at semester Lindsay Swanson and Holly Murphy started taking correspondence classes to get ready to go to China and stopped coming to school. This was a major loss to the yearbook, but the rest of the group persevered and completed the yearbook with much hard work and effort. The end product was well worth the time.

-Becca Brill

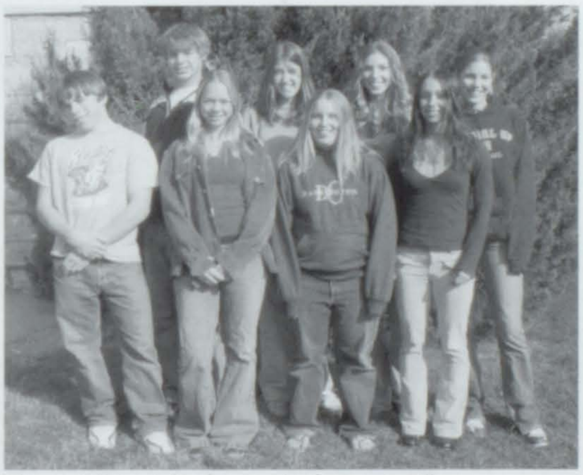


Left- **Jordan Davis** and **Heather Smith** sort through sports pictures while **Annie Nickel** laughs at pictures of boys playing volleyball for a pep rally. Being able to see all the pictures taken for the year--good or bad--was a fun thing about yearbook.

"Yearbook was pretty much my favorite part of the day. I'm 100% sure I'll miss it when I'm in China."

by

Holly Murphy



Above- Left to right, front to back; Row 1: Bill Griepenstroh, Lindsay Swanson, Becca Brill, Jordan Davis
Row 2: Mike Swanson, Annie Nickel, Holly Murphy, Heather Smith
Left- While editing the senior pages, **Jordan Davis** makes herself comfortable while sitting in class on Pajama Day during Homecoming week. The relaxed atmosphere in yearbook class made it a welcome break from the stress of otherwise hectic days.

Intermingled

Walking down the hall at Nebraska Christian, one might have seen people as they truly were. A tattered bookbag hanging off of one shoulder, feet moving at the pace of a turtle with athlete's foot, or a sullen look that expressed the desperate need for excitement characterized many students. Well, those people's lives were more than what met the eye, much more.

If one took a closer look into the lives of the students, he or she would be very surprised. Sleeping habits, occupations, and even eating rituals varied tremendously. High school was a time when teenagers tested the limits of their abilities and ventured into new experiences and ideas. Trying to find their place in the world, teens searched for somewhere that their abilities and interests could be used to their fullest potential. After-school jobs, off-campus sports, seat choices at lunch, what they ate, and when they chose to catch up on much-needed sleep, were all aspects of life that helped characterize NC students.

Looking in depth allowed people to see more than just the obvious, much, much more!

-Annie NIckel

Right- Taking a strong, hard swing at the ball, **Sarah Rainbolt** thrusts the bat forward to hit the ball. She played on a summer league and enjoyed it very much.

Above- **Matt Ryan**, **Josh Bailey**, **Brice Necker**, and **Brady Chase** enjoy each other's company at Grounds to Go in Grand Island.

Right- Trying to regain her composure after Annie Nickel brutally attacked her with whipped strawberry cream pie, **Lisa Osler** sits in amazement.

Top- **Abbie Krug** chats with Mrs. Darbro at the Merrick County Spelling Bee, while she holds her first place medal and ribbon with pride.
Above- Placing a glass of water in front of a resident at East Side Villa, the retirement home in Aurora where she works, **Celeste Hattan** smiles a greeting.

"Beef, It's what's for dinner."
-Ashley Faeh

"IT'S EXHILARATING!!!"
-Shelby Elge

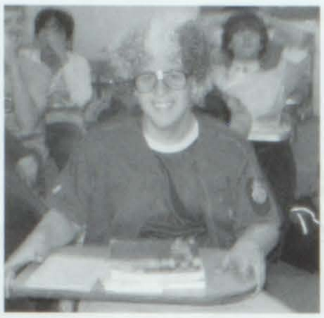
"The study hall lesson made me tired."
-Kevin Ng

"Over the summer break I do work for farmers, play baseball, swim, and do nothing. Summer is great!"

-Wesley Kembel

"I spend all my time clowning around."

-Matt Ryan

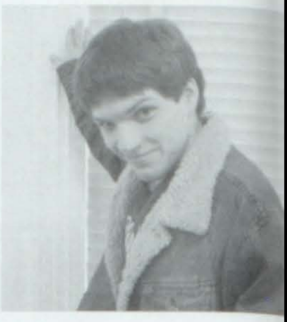


"Reading the paper is the best way to get rid of study hall boredom."

-Chrissy Ritta

"Summer is like a coma from school—I don't think about it, I don't talk about it, and I don't want to wake up!"

-Phillip Cunningham

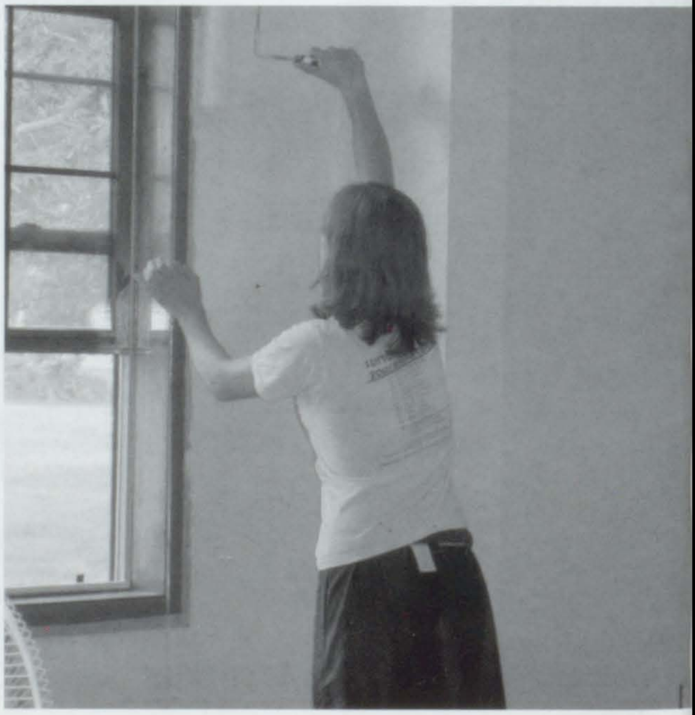


What's your favorite thing about summer vacation?

1. No School
2. Sleeping
3. Independence
4. Warmth
5. Friends
6. Tanning
7. Swimming
8. No Homework
9. Money
10. Baseball and Softball
11. Going to the Lake
12. Going Home
13. Staying Up Late
14. Motocross Racing
15. Bible Camps
16. Re-runs on TV
17. Rock Climbing
18. Popsicles

What do you do over the summer?

1. Play Sports
2. Babysit
3. Fast Food Job
5. Go on a Missions Trip
6. Lay Around and Sleep
7. Do Nothing
8. Construction Job



Right- **Emily Griess** does volunteer work by painting Room 4 in the gym building last summer. The Griess family came and worked off part of their 20 work hours by working together as a family.

How many hours of sleep do you average per night?

5 Hours - 10 people
6 Hours - 26 people
7 Hours - 41 people
8 Hours - 21 people
9 Hours - 10 people
10 Hours - 4 people

Left- While on the drive home from the Columbus yearbook conference, **Jordan Davis** takes a little snooze. All of the yearbook class attended the yearbook conference this year.

Below- **Lindsey Hadenfeldt** enjoys her pizza during lunch time. Pizza was the number one favorite food this year.

Places students planned to go during the summer of 2005:

1. Colorado
2. California
3. Chicago
4. Washington
5. Texas

What are your favorite foods served in the cafeteria?

1. Pizza
2. NC Subs
3. Hamburgers
4. Spaghetti
5. Chicken Nuggets
6. Wiener Wraps
7. Salad
8. Rolls and Breadsticks
9. Cherry-chip Cookies
10. Ice Cream Dessert
11. Tacos
12. Cake
13. Runzas
14. Nachos
15. Fajitas
16. Ham
17. Biscuits and Gravy
18. Chicken Patties

Above- During two-a-day practices, students took time out to help construct the new elementary playground so that it would be ready for the first day of school. **Luke Faeh, Amon Vanderlinden,** and **Riley Garwood** shoveled gravel to make a soft playground base.

Liz Smith hugs her horse as she weaves in and out of poles during her competition.

After pitching the baseball, **Samuel Stuhmer** focuses on the batter.

Poised and ready to receive the hockey puck from a teammate, **Cody Lobeda** takes his stance.

Carmen Dockweiler displays her talent as a lifeguard, from Centra City, while blowing her whistle.

"I Want Freedom!" "So Get a Job!"

Three months of freedom, or summer as grown-ups called it, were the times every student dreamed of. What was one to do with all the time off? The answer was simple, do whatever one wanted. However, a problem arose, things cost money. The solution-- get a job and make something of themselves.

So those things that cost so much, what were they? Well, there were physical things like gymnastics, baseball, softball, motocross, hockey, and various other sporting events. Then there were those things which were a little more laid-back, such as: community service, skating, hanging with friends, and other fun and interesting hobbies. Finally, of course, they could have just been lazy by playing video games, watching movie marathons, and doing other activities.

In order to participate in the activities above, whether active or lazy, teens needed a money supply. Some teens made getting their parents to give them money an art form. However, when teens became of age, and they wanted money, they were told to "Get a job!" Jobs came in various shapes and sizes. There were less-physical jobs like lifeguarding, babysitting, and working the fast food drive-thru. Then, there were the more strenuous work environments like waitressing, detassling, and working in a nursing home.

The greater the effort one made in landing a job, the more one made in cash. If a lot of cash had been accumulated, then there was more fun to be purchased during those precious and few months of summer.

-Becca Brill

Above- **Sarah Kauk** takes time to pose for a picture before helping a customer at Pappy Jack's. Sarah worked the register at the road side stop in Aurora. *Right*- Practice, practice, practice rings in **Brittany Epp's** mind as she goes through her gymnastics routine.

Far left- Have no fear, the Griess women are here to paint Room 4. It was one of many projects that received attention during the summer of 2004.

Left- **Sydney Zaruba** poses with her AWANA girls at Community Bible. She has served as an AWANA leader for three years.

Below left- Keeping her foot on first base while reaching to catch a ball, **Ashley Stone** gives her all to the Palmer softball team.

Below- **Becca Brill**, **Ashley Miller**, **Lisa Osler**, **Abby Perez**, **Celeste Hattan**, and **Ashley Stone** stand next to the Presidential runway in Omaha. The group saw President Bush deliver his new idea for Social Security at the Qwest Center.

bove- Catching up on the latest news, **Samuel Stuhmer**, **Stacey Krieger**, **Tyson Ratliff**, and **Sarah Garwood** share some ice cream at the local Dairy Queen in entral City. DQ received a lot of business from NC kids whether they were hanging out or studying for history tests.

Alex Inman and **Sony Fansler**, wait in line to get their lunch. Study halls were let out early to avoid long lunch lines.

Alli Griess, **Emily Griess**, and **Kelsey Calkins** choose what to put on their plates. Roughly half of the students ate hot lunch.

Continuing to eat amidst distractions, **Andrew McHargue** and **Cody Lobeda** sit with their usual lunch crowd. Diners rarely changed seats during the year.

Cleaning up, **Mikayla Wegner** scrapes off her plate. While all students cleaned up after themselves, others helped in the kitchen during study halls.

A Social Food Frenzy

Food played a vital role in every student's attitude and effort towards his or her school work. At 11:47 it was a mad dash to the front of the line to grab the day's tasty dessert. But the lunch period was more than stuffing their faces, it was a temporary break from the laborious hours of sitting in class, and it gave each student a chance to socialize and relax for a short time.

The seating arrangement was a large part of the social process, so it rarely changed during the lunch hour throughout the year. This was not because it was enforced, but because people, in general, are creatures of habit. Once students chose their crowd and their seats at the beginning of the year, they rarely deviated from their choice.

One of the new challenges was juggling the elementary lunch break with the high school lunch schedule. This problem was solved by having the elementary go to lunch at 11:20, and the senior high was let out of class at 11:47 except for study halls which were let out a bit earlier. Even though there was about a five minute overlap, a large part of the confusion was avoided.

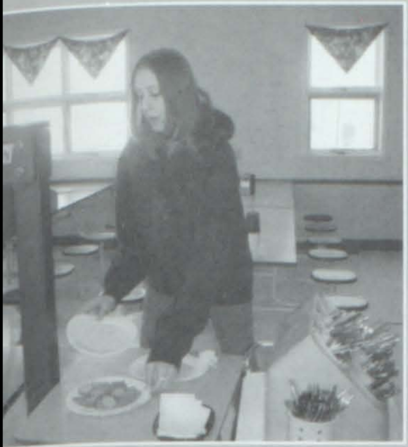
The institution of snack time, another new addition, helped students survive until lunch. This usually took place on Monday directly before chapel because of the later lunch time. At the beginning, students were given the snack, but later on it was determined that they should bring their own food.

With the chore of making the same meal for approximately 85 different people, it was impossible to make everyone happy. However, the meals satisfied the majority of the students and staff. No matter how the food tasted, the time spent with friends was what really counted.

-Mike Swanson

Above- Showing endurance, **Phillip Cunningham** takes a bite out of some ribs. Students consumed ribs on a regular basis.

Right- **Ashley Miller** sees life through a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup. She came only for the afternoon classes so she could continue homeschooling in the mornings.



Far left- **Michelle Clement** consolidates the left-over food during clean-up from snack time. Snack time was a new feature that took place directly before chapel.

Left- **Mr. Ritta** and **Mr. Pedersen** enjoy their meal during the Christmas Banquet. Both staff and students enjoyed this annual event planned by the Student Council.

Below left- **Tyson Ratliff**, **Morgan Neely**, and **Jake Tonniges** talk while they eat pizza. Pizza was served regularly throughout the school year and was a favorite meal.

Below- Taking a break, **Mrs. Patrick** stops to give some advice. Over the course of the year, the cooks made more than 350 meals.

bove- Resident student **Ruby Chang** takes a bite during lunch. Dorm students found that the cafeteria was a large part of their daily routine. Many of them ate two eals a day in the school cafeteria and had their breakfast in the dorms each morning.

Holly Murphy and **Lindsay Swanson** enjoy spending time with a student in China.

Bravely scaling the deadly path, **Bill Griepenstroh** helps a friend make the right steps.

Displaying the bond made among them, **Kristi Johnson**, Charlene Murphy, and **Taffy Lee** embrace for a picture.

Jim Glad looks puzzled as he tri to decifer the message in his hand. His humor was a great addition to the Mexico team.

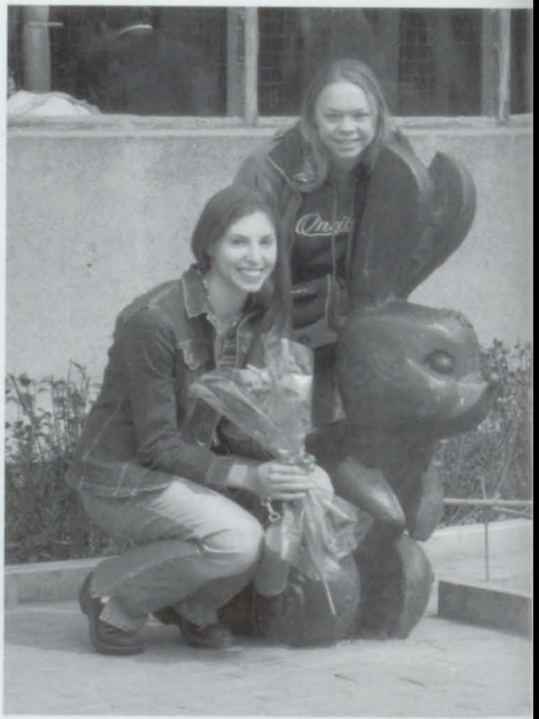
Missions-
The Great Adventure

"Squeak! Squeak!" The windshield wipers try to keep up with the pouring rain falling from the ominous clouds above and the large wads of mud flying up from the tires. On one side there is a drop-off that falls to the pit of oblivion. On the other, there are the raging rapids of an alligator-infested river. In front is the narrow tunnel cut into the trees in which a 4x4 jeep is *supposed* to fit.

What would this scene bring to most people's minds? An action movie seen last week? It could be a show once seen on the Discovery Channel where a strange Australian man wrestles extremely large lizards and snakes which seem longer than the New York Subway. Or maybe it was one of those new reality shows, where a motley group of people are placed on an island to fend for themselves. Well actually, it was none of these options. This scene could be an experience found on the mission field. In the last couple of years, several of the students of Nebraska Christian have realized that the word "missions" holds much more than meets the eye. It is an exciting experience given by God to those ready and willing to serve. The word missionary does not just pertain to the those who live in the middle of nowhere. It is all in the attitude of service, not the place. Those who take the opportunity to help people for the glory of God are missionaries anywhere they go.

Finally reaching the desired destination, the driver jumped out of his vehicle and ran to a tiny unkempt hut. After five minutes he walked back out with a peaceful smile, jumped back in the jeep, and took off for another adventure.

-Annie Nickel



Above- A group of the Puebla team gaze across the city on their outing day. The Mexico trip offered an amazing chance to grow closer to God.

Right- While in China, **Holly Murphy** and **Lindsay Swanson** pose in front of a rather large rabbit. They were both born in the Chinese year of the rabbit, so it was a perfect spot for a picture.

Far left- While taking a break from shopping, **Phillip Cunningham** gets his shoes shined. This scene was displayed many times in Puebla, Mexico.

Left- **Annie Nickel**, **Abby Perez**, and **Becca Brill** stopped playing for a moment to take a picture with the energetic children in Mexico.

Below left- Chinese cuisine was much different than what they were accustomed to, but Charlene Murphy, **Taffy Lee**, Andrea Krug, and **Kristi Johnson** found out that different was often good.

Below- In the chapel following the Mexico trip, **Charice Schweitzer** shares how God touched her life through the trip.

Above- Teaching English in China provides students with many life-changeing experiences as well as unusual photo opportunities. The ladies in China took advantage of technology in order to share their life experiences with those left at home by sending this photo via email.

Carey Lam eats his Chinese noodles with a pair of chopsticks. International students made the art of eating with chopsticks look easy on the dorm students' monthly trip to the Buffet House in Grand Island.

Modeling a lovely wrap, which is really a velvet throw, **Sony Fansler** puts on a show for the girls in the dorm.

It's not home-sweet-home, but there are pets! **Riley Garwood** brought his furry little friend into the dorm for a visit.

Sarah Garwood relaxes on the couch in the girls dorm lounge as she talks on her cell phone. Phone calls kept dorm students in touch with their families while they were away from home.

Dorm Changes Bring Opportunities for Growth

Dorm life could be described as a variety of experiences, both positive and negative. The positive experiences resulted in many good memories, but the negative experiences were also beneficial in that they caused each student to grow and mature. Either way, students left the NC dorms with unforgettable memories and changed characters.

The beginning of the year brought about many new changes in the dorm. The most notable change was new dorm parents for each dorm. Jeff and Trudy Hanke served as dorm parents for the boys, and Tom and Gina Aspegren were the new dorm parents for the girls. When asked about what she thought of the dorm parents, Ruby Chang said, "They are like our second parents." Some students felt like the dorm was their second home because of the amount of time spent there and the relationships that were built.

Living in the dorm was not always easy. Many students missed their homes and families, as they were away for long periods of time. Although dorm students built close relationships with each other, it was sometimes frustrating living with the same people day after day. Other difficult issues were dealt with throughout the year. However, all of these experiences forced students to grow.

While living in the dorm had its high points and low points, each student came away changed, hopefully ready to deal with the challenges that they would have to face in the real world.

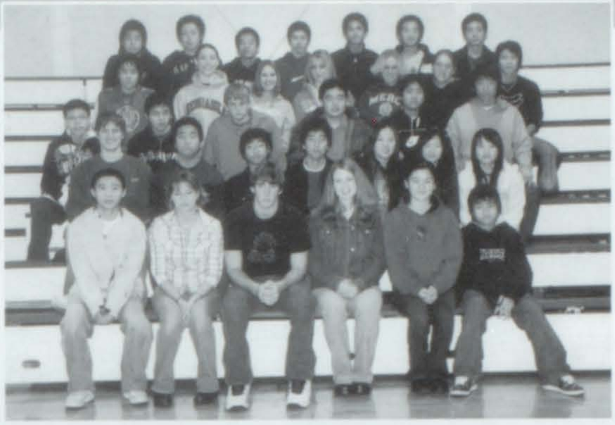
-Kelli Garwood

Above- **Rose Fansler** contemplates the possibility of eating a deep-fried chicken foot at the Chinese New Year party in Grand Island. She decided against trying it.

Right- Playing basketball keeps **Bruce Chen** and many of the other dorm students occupied in their spare time. **Daniel Jang** watched as Bruce made a lay-up in the gym.

Far left- Dorm dad **Jeff Hanke** takes time out from his busy schedule to relax with his daughter **Lily**.

Left- **Shogo Kamiya** and **Fei Cheng** enjoy the break from cafeteria food as they eat the feast prepared for them by the Buffet House in Grand Island.



Bottom left- Opening gifts at the annual girls dorm Christmas party is always the highlight of the evening, and **Melissa Krieger** loosens the bow of her gift. The girls exchanged names and "Secret Santa" gifts. They also received really nice sweatshirts from their dorm parents, Miss Gina and Mr. Tom.

Left- The boys and girls dorm residents, left to right, front to back; Row 1: Tony Lao, Sarah Garwood, Riley Garwood, Kelli Garwood, Aigul Tokombaeva *Row 2:* Brady Chase, Daniel Jang, Joseph Kim, Samuel Hwang, Ayano Otsuka, Ayami Fukushi, Sevenna Chen *Row 3:* Chris Fung, Edward Chen, Amon Vanderlinden, Chris Lee, Josh Chun, David Lee *Row 4:* Kevin Ng, Rose Fansler, Sadie Birnie, Alysha Dexter, Sony Fansler, Lisa Osler, Bruce Chen *Row 5:* Wai Wong, Shogo Kamiya, Fei Cheng, Hill Yeh, Kyle Hsu, Carey Lam, Victor Shen (not pictured: So Young Park, Shugo Sato, Ruby Chang, Melissa Krieger, Stacey Krieger)

Above- **Kelli Garwood, Ruby Chang**, and **Ayano Otsuka** watch as the girls across the table describe their "dream date" at their dorm Christmas party in December. The girls dressed up and sat down to a fancy meal in the Aspegren's apartment to celebrate the holiday before they left for Christmas break.

Interlaced

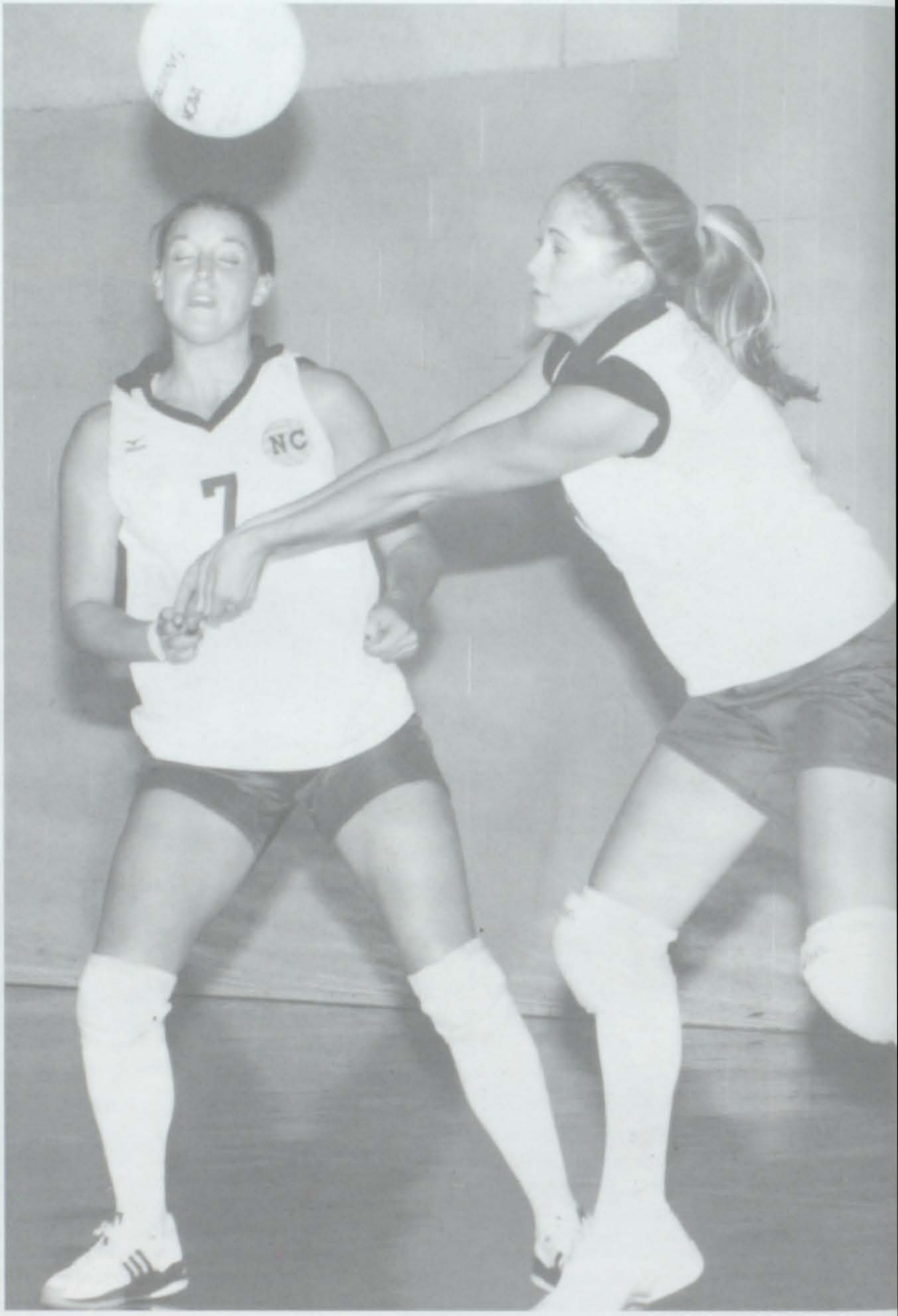
High school sports have always offered unique experiences. They have presented a time for students to interact with and befriend kids from other schools. They have given students a chance to learn self-discipline and to develop a strong work ethic. And finally, for students at NC, sports have offered a chance for them to represent Christ through their actions.

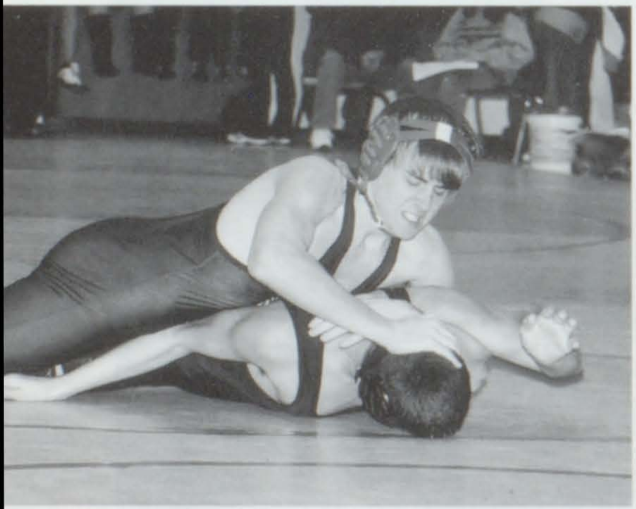
Nebraska Christian football, volleyball, cross country, wrestling, basketball, track, and junior high sports all gave students a chance to develop these unique experiences. Football, volleyball, and basketball took team unity and working together as a group in order to succeed. Wrestling, cross country, and track required individual effort along with hard work and discipline to excel. Through all of these sports there were opportunities to meet fellow athletes from other schools and to show them what Nebraska Christian was and is truly about.

Sports could be one of the best experiences in high school, or they could be one of the worst. Either way, lessons were learned, memories were made, and athletes became interlaced.

-Bill Griepenstroh

Right- **Carey Lam** dribbles down the court toward the basket while his opponent from Osceola attempts to stop him. The team had a close game but lost 45-58.





Above- **Jake Tonniges** works to put in a half-Nelson while competing at districts in Ravenna. Although Jake worked hard, only the top four contestants were allowed to participate in the state meet.
Right- While **Valerie Ritta** digs the ball, **Sarah Rainbolt** gets down to cover her. The Lady Eagles had an outstanding season this year.

Top- **Shelby Elge** hurdles toward the finish line at the North Loup/Scotia Invitational track meet in St. Paul. As a freshman, this was Shelby's first year competing in high school sports.
Above- Scanning the field ahead, **Brady Chase** gains some extra yards as **Phillip Cunningham** blocks to create the hole. The Eagles went on to win the game against Leigh.

"I like running because I like the girl I run with."
-Lindsay Swanson

"Long Jumping is like flying with broken wings."
-Samuel Stuhmer

"Sweatbands are for studs."
-Jena Ward

player input

What was the highlight of your season?

"Beating the boys in a scrimmage was the best part of the season."

-Lyndsi Kembel, 7th grader

1. As a player from the opposing team jumps in the air in order to stop **Wesley Kembel** from making a pass, he makes a strategic pass between his legs to his open teammate, **Zach Troester**.

2. **Levi Dixon** gives all his might in order to stay one step ahead of his opponent from Cross County.

3. Using a well-placed pass, **Sarah Perez** sends the ball over the net as **Kala Walgren** watches and waits for the ball to return.

4. **Audra Faeh** desperately defends the basketball from a Palmer player's hands. She got out of trouble by making a pass to Abbie Krug.

5. **Jerry Lobeda** concentrates on using his pole vault pole to launch himself over the bar. His first place finish with 7' 6" helped propel the boys track team to a conference championship.

Developing Unity Through Athletics

-Bill Griepenstroh and Braden Swanson

Ah, the joy of junior high sports. They can be fun, competitive, and difficult. Everyone who participated learned much from new experiences and enjoyed them quite thoroughly.

In volleyball, the girls competed their hardest and had fun during the season. Winter sports opened with wrestling, and the boys worked hard. Coach Elge taught the fundamentals of the sport. After wrestling, basketball began and both the boys and the girls started practicing quite often during 8th period. They played with their hearts, and finished the season with a handful of new experiences. When the weather warmed up, so did the track team. One of the best times of junior high sports was the bonding at track meets with fellow classmates.

Throughout the year, the junior high sport's teams honored God and were ambitious to please Him.

Left- **Reed Hanke** throws the discus for his third attempt. His average throw was over 80 feet.

Right- Junior high sports, left to right, front to back; Row 1: Amber Rainbolt, Taylor Sherwood, Lyndsi Kembel, Janelle Bailey, Kala Walgren *Row 2:* Audra Faeh, Sarah Perez, Stephanie Ritta, Abbie Krug *Row 3:* Wesley Kembel, Christopher Toukan, Braden Swanson, Daniel Hoops, Caleb Coleman *Row 4:* Zach Troester, Joseph Kim, Jerry Lobeda, Reed Hanke, Levi Dixon, Byron Reimer

Record	Wins	Losses
Girls Volleyball	2	4
Girls Basketball	0	4
Boys Basketball	3	5
Track	**Girls**	**Boys**
High Plains Invite	9th	4th
NLS Invite	9th	5th
NC Invite	10th	6th
St. Ed. Invite	7th	2nd
Conference	8th	1st

"This was the game against G.I. Christian. It was fun because most of them were smaller than me!"
-Braden Swanson

player input

What was your biggest surprise running at NC instead of CC?

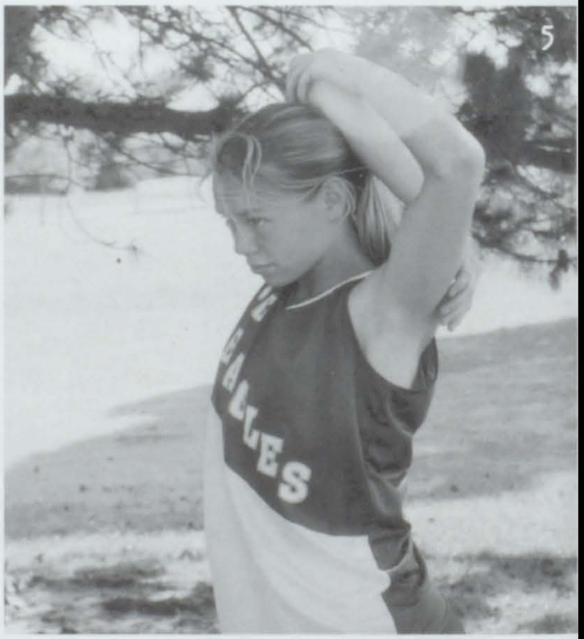
"I was disappointed because I didn't get away from the Albion hill."
-Lindsey Hadenfeldt, senior

1. Getting in the last minute stretches and laughs, the NC cross country team lines up at the starting line to begin the race.

2. **Coach Johnson** willingly holds onto the team's earrings, bracelets, and necklaces as the official calls out for a jewelry check. Runners are disqualified if they were caught wearing jewelry.

3. Returning NC cross country legend, Nathaniel Bergen, helps his little sister, **Victoria Bergen**, warm up for her race.

4. Just surfacing from the pit of a nasty hill at the Central City meet, **Carmen Dockweiler** still goes strong and focuses on the three-fourths of a mile she still has left to run.



5. While underneath the shade of a monsterous tree, **Lindsay Swanson** completes the last ritual of her warm-up before the race by stretching. This half an hour of stretching time was preceded by the team running the entire course together.

Worth the Hard Work

-Lindsay Swanson

Cross country was first and foremost a mental sport. Many people asked the cross country runners during the season what horrible thing they had done that made them want to punish themselves so fiercely as to go out for such a heinous sport.

The answers to this often asked question were varied. The athlete may simply have liked running. Some did it to stay in shape. Others were strongly encouraged to participate by their parents. No matter what the reasons were, they were on a team and were in it for the long haul. But when the practices started and the season progressed, the reasons the runner went out for the sport became less clear. All they really wanted was to run faster, stay ahead of the next girl, pass a few more, and make Coach Johnson proud.

People wondered what carried the team through the 8 mile practices and 16 sets of hills. It was the pride that they all knew came after completing something and proving to themselves that they could do better.

Left- **Lindsey Hadenfeldt**, with determination etched in her face, decidedly stays ahead of the two runners behind her. Lindsey ran her first and last year at NC.

Right- Left to right: Student manager Lisa Osler, Victoria Bergen, Carmen Dockweiler, Lindsay Swanson, Lindsey Hadenfeldt

MEET	PLACE
Albion	not kept
Centura	3rd
Central City	5th
Albion	not kept
East Butler	2nd
St. Cecilia	3rd
Districts	5th

Coach: Scott Johnson

Best Individual Times

Lindsey Hadenfeldt	17:54
Carmen Dockweiler	20:53
Lindsay Swanson	18:48
Victoria Bergen	16:37

State Qualifier: Victoria Bergen

"Going to state for the second year was an amazing experience which I will always remember."

-Victoria Bergen, sophomore

player input

How was football for you after being injured last year?

> "Football was more rewarding since I had to work harder to get back to where I was."
>
> -Sam Krug, Junior

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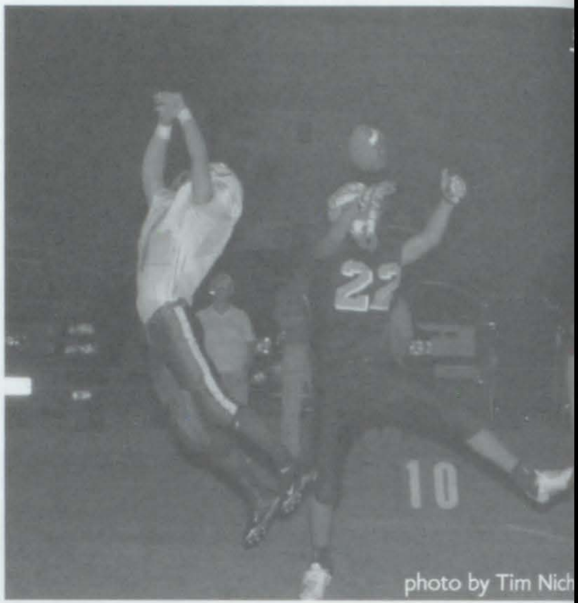
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1. Breaking away from the pack, **Brady Chase** runs for a big gain against the Leigh Panther's defense. Brady Chase led the team in rushing with 559 yards on the season.

2. **Micah Unruh** and **Phillip Cunningham** take down the Cedar Bluffs runner for a minimal gain. NC lost the game which came down to the last second.

3. Senior offensive end, **Jason Weedin** twists his body to grab the tipped pass. He eventually came down with the ball to get the first down.

4. In a combined effort **Mike Swanson**, **Phillip Cunningham**, and **Brady Chase** help bring the Palmer end to the ground. The Eagles won the game in overtime, their second overtime win of the year.

5. In the JV game against Elba, sophomore **Samuel Stuhmer** takes the run to the outside and looks for running room. Stuhmer was one of the few underclassmen who played on varsity as well as junior varsity.

photo by Tim Nichols

Winning in Overtime

-Bill Griepenstroh

The season flew by, and the Eagles finished with a record of 4-4. Their season would have been extended were it not for an enrollment violation that precluded the Eagles from participating in playoffs during the 2004 or 2005 seasons. Although it was a far cry from last season's record of 9-1, no one was left disappointed.

There were two games this season that definitely stood out because of overtime victories. The first was Homecoming against Mead. Trailing for most of the game, a 4th quarter comeback lead to an Eagle victory.

The second game was the season finale against Palmer. After losing senior quarterback Tyler Schreiber to a first-half injury, NC came back late in the 4th quarter to tie up the game and followed with a nailbiting win.

The last game had all of the elements of a good matchup: injuries, doubt, players stepping up, fear of losing, big plays that led to the comeback, and the victory in overtime. The season ended in storybook fashion.

Left- Running for some tough yards, quarterback **Tyler Schreiber** stiff-arms the Leigh defender. Tyler ran for 429 yards over the course of the season.

Right- Left to right, front to back: Row 1: Phillip Cunningham, Jordan Ward, Tyler Schreiber, Jason Weedin, Michael Wegner, Brady Chase, Ryan Weedin *Row 2:* Victor Shen, Bill Griepenstroh, Jake Tonniges, Riley Garwood, Sam Krug, Micah Unruh, Josh Bailey, Jon Ritta *Row 3:* Caden Huenefeld, Amon Vanderlinden, Mike Swanson, Samuel Stuhmer, Luke Faeh, Cody Lobeda, Chay Wiggins

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US		THEM
26	Leigh	14
14	Spalding/SPA	28
6	Exeter/Milligan	36
28	Shelby	8
20	Mead	14
14	Cedar Bluffs	22
14	High Plains	28
20	Palmer	14

Head Coach: Lanny Faeh
Coach's Aides: Chad Jividen, John Meschke, J.D. Senkbile

All District 1st Team: Brady Chase, linebacker; Riley Garwood, defensive lineman
2nd Team: Riley Garwood, offensive center; Tyler Schreiber, quarterback and safety
Honorable Mention: Jason Weedin, Sam Krug

"Hey, bub!"
-Coach Chad Jividen

player input

What was the best part of this season?

"To have a team that was so unified on and off the court made this year not only one we all enjoyed but one we all grew from."

-Meagan Elge, senior

photo by Tim Nicholas

1. Jumping high above the net, **Holly Murphy** prepares to hit the ball over the Osceola blocker and put it down on the other side. The Eagles had a convincing win over the Bulldogs.

2. Amid the cheers of the crowd and her teammates, **Valerie Ritta** gives high-fives to the other girls as she is announced as a starter. The unity and encouragement of the team helped to make the season successful.

3. **Mikayla Wegner**, **Emily Griess**, and **Sarah Rainbolt** celebrate Sarah's ace serve. The Lady Eagles' serving was very strong; senior Megan Elge had the season high, successfully completing 92% of her serves.

4. Arms extended, **Holly Urban** receives the serve from Palmer. **Sarah Kauk** shadows her, ready to assist. The Eagles went on to beat the Tigers in two sets during their first home triangular.

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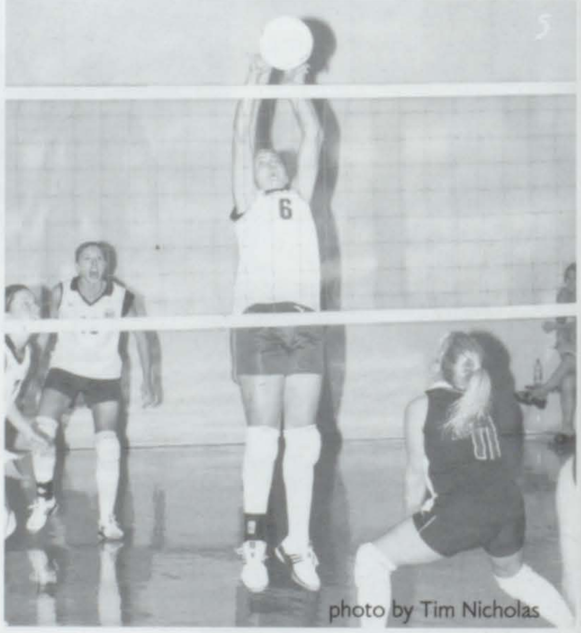

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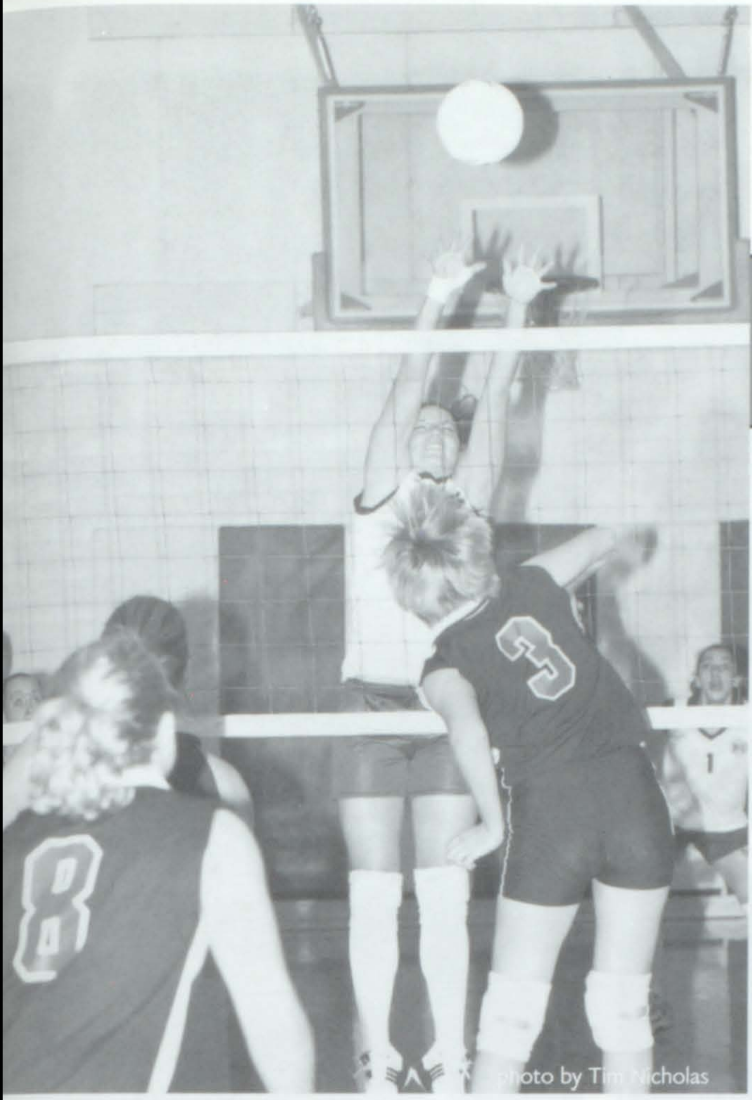
5. Attempting to catch the Heartland Lutheran defense off guard, **Mikayla Wegner** gently tips the ball over the net. Power wasn't always everything when taking the ball over; placing it in the right spot was sometimes just as effective.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Making History Look Good

-Holly Murphy

The Nebraska Christian Lady Eagles had a season that won't soon be forgotten. Coming into the year, they had high hopes and worked hard throughout the season to turn their hopes into reality. Not only did they have one of the best win/loss records for volleyball in NC history, but they also won many personal victories along the way.

These victories were perhaps more clearly seen in the games that didn't put a "W" on the record-games where the team had to overcome exhaustion and injuries and keep playing tough, no matter what the scoreboard read. In those situations, the true spirit of the team came forth. They proved both to themselves and to every one watching that they had the hearts of champions.

The team truly had a record to be proud of this season, but the girls realized that winning wasn't the most important thing. As senior Mikayla Wegner put it, "It's not about how you play; it's Who you play for."

Left- **Sarah Rainbolt** reaches high and strains to get the block against Heartland Lutheran's middle attacker. The Eagles won the match, their first of the season, and went on to sweep their home triangular in two decisive victories.

Right- Left to right, front to back; Row 1: Valerie Ritta, Sarah Kauk, Emily Griess, Meagan Elge, Sarah Rainbolt, Holly Urban, Jordan Davis, Mikayla Wegner, Holly Murphy *Row 2:* Amy Dishman, Ashley Faeh, Michelle Clement, Lesley Ribbens, Annie Nickel, Heather Smith, Becca Brill, Laura Reimer *Row 3:* Alli Griess, Stacey Krieger, Charice Schweitzer, Amanda Liegl, Liz Smith

photo by Tim Nicholas

"No matter what, we always had fun!"
-Annie Nickel, Junior

US		THEM
2	H Lutheran	0
2	Palmer	0
2	NE Lutheran	3
3	High Plains	1
3	NL/Scotia	2
3	Cross County	2
3	Osceola	1
0	Elba	2
2	Rising City	0
2	Fullerton	0
1	Spalding/SPA	2
2	Arcadia	0
2	St. Edward	0
3	Greeley/ Wolbach	0
2	Arcadia	0
2	Cedar Rapids	1

Head Coach: Jewel Faeh
Coach's Aide: Charissa Smith
All Conference:
1st Team: Holly Murphy
3rd Team: Sarah Kauk, Sarah Rainbolt

player input

What was the highlight of the season?

"We learned to deal with each other's differences and to play as a team towards the end of the year."

-Brady Chase, senior

1. **Jason Weedin** goes up for the easy lay-up while **Brady Chase** and **Michael Wegner** stand by to make sure that NC gets the ball back if he misses. He posted two more points for the team.

2. After the game, **Coach Reimer** prays with his team to thank God for protecting them during the game. Most teams took time to pray with NC players after games, whether home or away, which was a unique thing about NC sports.

3. **Samuel Stuhmer** dribbles past his opponent to set up the offense down the court.

4. Driving down the court, **Carey Lam** outruns his Osceola competition and heads for his teammates under the basket. Many of the international students participated in basketball and did very well.

5. **Tyler Schreiber** looks for an open teammate in order to make a perfect pass into the key area for a possible score in the game against Shelby.

Building Character

-Jason Weedin

The varsity boys basketball team was in a rebuilding year returning only one starter, who was injured, three letter winners with little experience, and two new coaches. With this in mind, little was expected from the team, but they made games exciting to watch.

As the team started off a little shaken with a 2-7 record, they gained confidence after the games against Spalding/SPA. The second half of the season went much better as the team finished with a 4-4 record, with a last-second free throw to beat Shelby 53-52. Following this exciting win, the season ended with a loss in sub-districts to Fullerton.

Although the team's record wasn't that impressive, the character of the team stood out as they never gave up. Even when they were outmatched, they gave everything they had as unto the Lord.

Left- **Jordan Ward** attempts to break the press by dribbling around his Giltner opponents. The Eagles suffered a tough defeat in a very tight game.

Right-Left to right, front to back; Row 1: Luke Faeh, Carey Lam, Tyler Schreiber, Brady Chase, Michael Wegner, Jason Weedin, Bruce Chen, Josh Bailey *Row 2:* Hill Yeh, Tony Deichmann, Jordan Ward, Samuel Stuhmer, Matt Ryan, Victor Shen, Kyle Hsu *Row 3:* Fei Cheng, David Lee, Kevin Ng, Samuel Hwang, Daniel Jang, Chris Lee, Shugo Sato, Drew Hanke

> "Our team was good, but it's a little hard to play against seven players."
> -Michael Wegner, senior

US		THEM
33	St. Edward	45
58	Elba	49
43	High Plains	64
42	Giltner	48
50	Cross County	58
40	N. Loup/Scotia	33
48	Fullerton	77
45	Osceola	58
41	Spalding/SPA	46
57	Cross County	46
55	Cedar Rapids	46
53	Greeley/ Wolbach	49
35	Nebraska Lutheran	67
50	Palmer	56
53	Shelby	52
49	Fullerton	72

Head Coach: Dave Reimer
Coach's Aide: Tom Urban
All Conference 1st Team: Tyler Schreiber Honorable Mention: Brady Chase, Jordan Ward

player input

What was the highlight of your season?

"The bonding time with my teammates during practices, games, and traveling!"

-Laura Reimer, Junior

1. **Valerie Ritta** looks for an open teammate to make a good play. Valerie played for the Lady Eagles for four years.

2. While weaving in and out of her opponents, **Kelli Garwood** breaks toward the basket to make a shot. Kelli was a starter on the varsity team.

3. **Sarah Rainbolt** tries to make a lay-up while Diana Shwartz from Nebraska Lutheran tries to guard her. NC lost a tight game in a tough loss for the Lady Eagles.

4. While being covered by Osceola's post, **Sydney Zaruba** tries to pass the ball to a teammate. The Eagles put up a good fight against the Bulldogs.

5. **Annie Nickel** dominates over Osceola's Amanda Gabel and makes a shot. After a year away from the sport, Annie jumped into a varsity spot and added some needed height on the squad.

Modified Performance

Valerie Ritta

The 2004-2005 basketball season was full of changes, the most obvious of which was the change in coaching staff. Paul and Anna McHargue brought their own coaching style to the program. One thing they emphasized was that while basketball is a great game, it is not the most important thing in life. They also emphasized the importance of a growing relationship with Jesus and encouraged players to mature in their walk with Him.

As with any major change in a program, there were obstacles to overcome, but the players quickly adapted and jumped out to a 4-1 start on the season. Excited with their progress and optimistic about the rest of their season, they faced some tough opponents, persevered, and played their hardest. Although they ended the season at 5-13, this year's basketball season was unforgettable and taught the Lady Eagles many important lessons.

Left- **Jena Ward** dribbles down the court focussing intently on the play that was called. Jena finished her basketball career as a guard for the Eagles.

Right- Left to right, front to back; Row 1: Student manager Melissa Krieger, Lindsey Hadenfeldt, Valerie Ritta, Sarah Rainbolt, Jena Ward, Jessica Kirby *Row 2:* Annie Nickel, Holly Murphy, Kelli Garwood, Sydney Zaruba, Laura Reimer *Row 3:* Chrissy Ritta, Ashley Faeh, Michelle Clement, Lesley Ribbens

"Getting out on the floor and releasing your energy is an awesome feeling!"
-Sarah Rainbolt, senior

US		THEM
48	Palmer	35
34	St. Edward	44
44	Elba	26
40	High Plains	38
47	Giltner	38
38	St. Edward	57
36	NL/Scotia	50
41	Fullerton	53
25	Osceola	39
43	Spalding/SPA	56
26	St. Edward	40
35	Cross County	86
45	Cedar Rapids	32
46	Shelby	57
29	Greeley/ Wolbach	43
39	NE Lutheran	41
41	Fullerton	61

Head Coach: Paul McHargue
Coach's Aide: Anna McHargue
All Conference 2nd Team: Sarah Rainbolt
Honorable Mention: Valerie Ritta

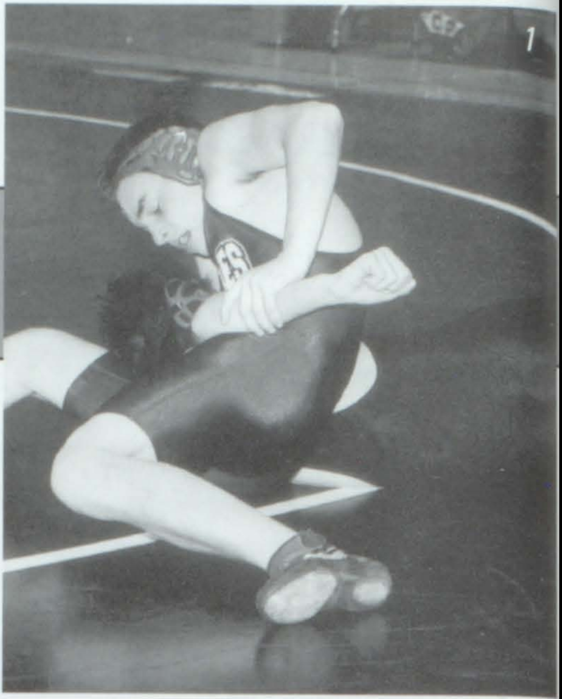
player

input

What was it like to qualify for state as a freshman?

"Making it to state was indescribable. Looking up at 13 thousand seats and knowing that you are there because of your hard work gives you a feeling beyond words."

-Caden Huenefeld, freshman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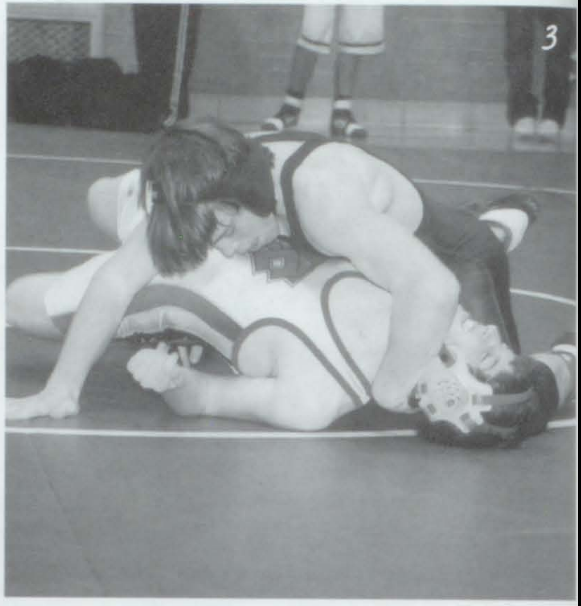
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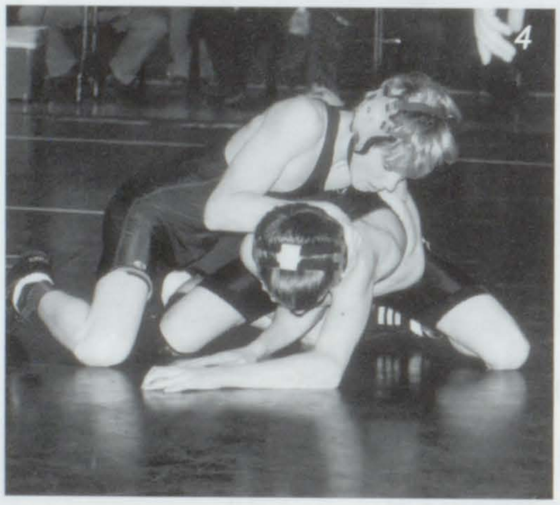
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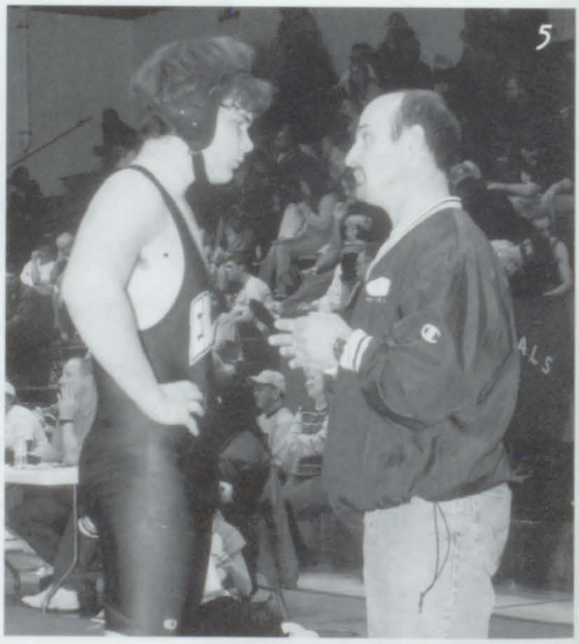
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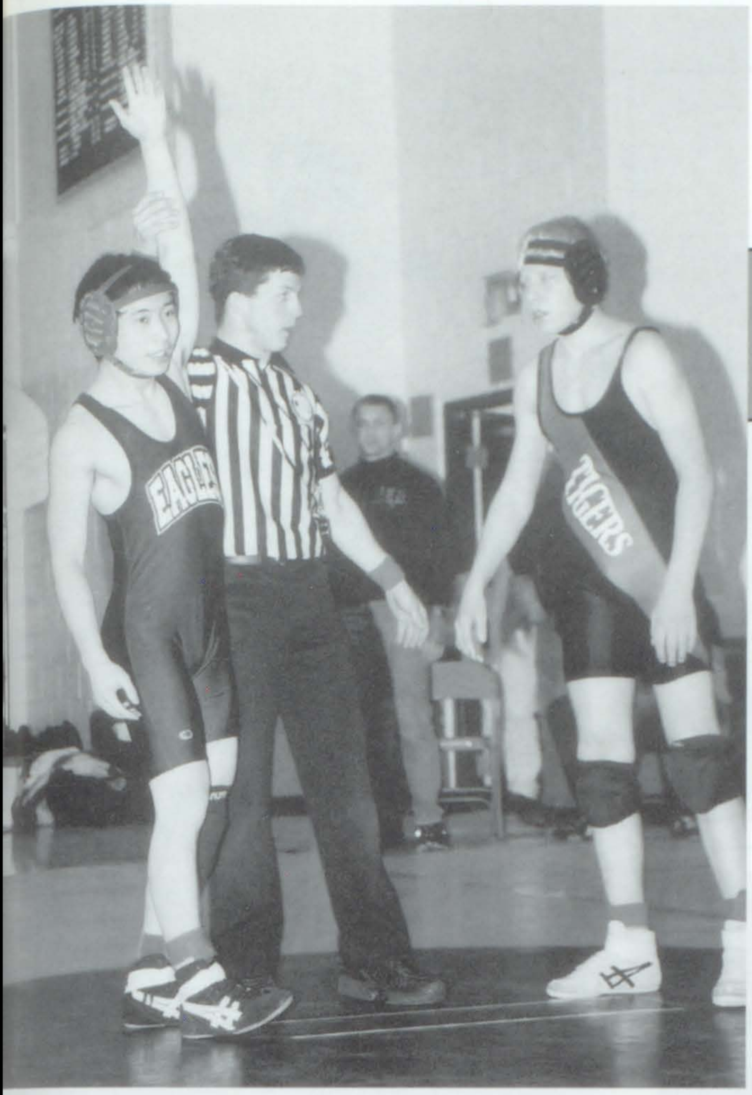
1. **Mike Swanson** pulls his opponent to his back at the home dual against Aurora JV. Mike put on quite a show and defeated his opponent by tech-fall with a score of 18-2.

2. State qualifiers, left to right: **Phillip Cunningham**, **Caden Huenefeld**, and **Bill Griepenstroh**

3. In his first match of the season, **Bill Griepenstroh** holds his adversary down with seconds left in the first period to receive a pin.

4. **Morgan Neely** looks for an opportunity to turn the 103 wrestler from Aurora JV onto his back. Morgan missed the first few meets because he joined the team about half-way through the season.

5. **Jon Ritta** stops for some advice from **Coach Elge** while his opponent receives blood time. Both coaches gave helpful tips and advice before, during, and after matches.



Wrestlers
Taste Success

-Bill Griepenstroh

Wrestling is a unique sport. No other sport requires the amount of discipline, determination, and desire to achieve victory. It is an individual sport, yet those who participate develop a deep bond that lasts long after the season's end.

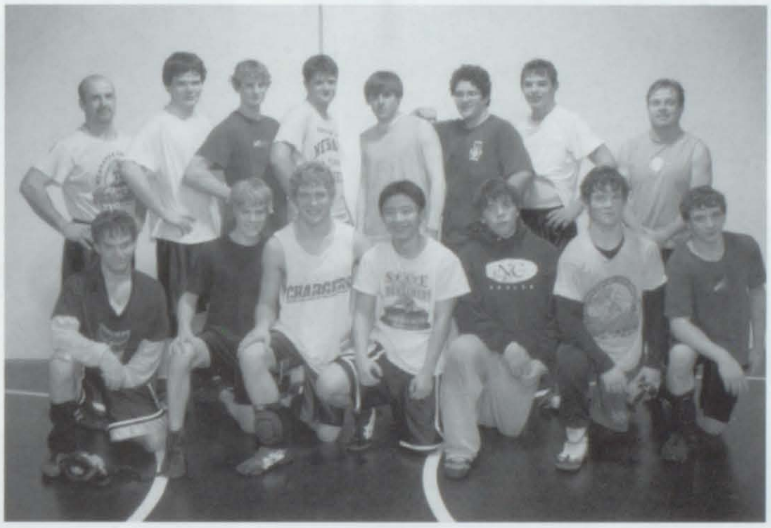
Practices consisted of conditioning, learning new moves, and live wrestling. Some wrestlers wore heavy clothing in order to lose extra weight. When combined with intense dieting, practices became an excrutiating experience. They shaped each wrestler not only into an athlete, but also into a lean, mean, fighting machine.

The practices and dieting paid off. At each tournament, at least three Eagles medaled. Going into districts, most had a legitimate shot of making it to state, and three qualified.

Wrestling taught many lessons. The most important was that without hard work and discipline, one can never taste success.

Left- **Tony Lao** is excited as the referee raises his hand to signify his victory in his consulation semifinals match at Elgin.

Right- Left to right, front to back; Row 1: Phillip Cunningham, Morgan Neely, Sam Krug, Tony Lao, Bill Griepenstroh, Caden Huenefeld, Cody Lobeda *Row 2:* Coach Terry Elge, Jon Ritta, Amon Vanderlinden, Ryan Weedin, Jake Tonniges, Tim Coleman, Mike Swanson, Coach's Aide Scott Griepenstroh



Weight		Record
103	Morgan Neely	8-8
119	Tony Lao	5-6
130	Bill Griepenstroh	24-7
135	Caden Huenefeld	31-8
140	Phillip Cunningham	29-11
145	Amon Vanderlinden	2-8
152	Sam Krug	22-16
160	Mike Swanson	14-8
160	Jake Tonniges	13-18
189	Jon Ritta	14-18
215	Ryan Weedin	7-9
275	Tim Colemen	11-19

Coach: Terry Elge
Coach's Aide: Scott Griepenstroh

"I like to rip people apart; this kid was no exception."
-Philip Cunningham, Junior

player input

What was the highlight of your season?

"Winning conference for the 8th year in a row!"
-Shelby Elge, freshman

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1. **Ashley Miller** ran the 300 hurdles at the Cedar Rapids Invite. She finished 4th in the finals.

2. **Sarah Garwood** and **Kristi Johnson** hand off for the 3rd leg of the 4x4 relay at the North Loup/ Scotia Invite.

3. **Shelby Elge**, **Becca Brill**, and **Jake Tonniges** enjoy the sun while waiting for the their events to start. During the lunch break everyone hung out at the camp.

4. State qualifiers; left to right: **Michelle Clement**- Triple Jump & Long Jump, **Victoria Bergen**- 1600, **Michael Wegner**- Triple Jump, **Sarah Kauk**- Pole Vault

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5. Chasing down his opponent from Cedar Rapids, **Samuel Stuhmer** desperately tries to close the gap. He finished 3rd in the 100 meter dash.

Going Beyond Expectations

-Victoria Bergen

The track 2005 team wasn't very big in size but they were enormous in heart and spirit. They managed to achieve new goals and records past their expectations.

Senior Sarah Kauk led the state in pole vault with 11' at the Grand Island area champions meet. Despite having only 9 girls out for track, they managed to win conference for the 8th year in a row. To be in track you must not only be strong but versatile; sprinter Drew Hanke turned to long distance running after an injury. Mr. Johnson emphasized being strong like a horse and smooth like a banana. Freshman Michelle Clement broke the triple jump record with an amazing 33' 6" jump at the very 1st track meet. Who knows what these boys and girls can accomplish in the coming years.

photo by Tim Nicholas

Left- **Sarah Kauk** clears 10' at the Central City Invite. She made it to state when she cleared 10'4" at Districts in Loup City. She ended the season as second in state and the new school record-holder at a height of 11'0".

Right - Left to right, front to back; Row 1: Sarah Kauk, Kristi Johnson, Sarah Garwood, Charice Schweitzer, Shelby Elge *Row 2:* Samuel Stuhmer, Victoria Bergen, Becca Brill, Ashley Miller, Sam Krug, Michael Wegner *Row 3:* Luke Faeh, Cody Lobeda, Jake Tonniges, Drew Hanke, Michelle Clement, Shogo Kamiya *Row 4:* Student managers Annie Nickel, Sydney Zaruba

2005 Meets	Boys	Girls
Merrick County Invite	N/A	N/A
Cedar Rapids	12th of 14	11th of 14
North Loup/Scotia	7th of 9	6th of 9
High Plains	13th of 15	12th of 15
Palmer	10th of 11	2nd of 15
Conference Meet	8th of 9	1st of 9
St. Edward	14th of 15	6th of 15
District Meet	9th of 9	5th of 9

Coaches: Scott Johnson, Larry Hoff, Anna McHargue, Ben Unruh

"You aren't cool unless you go out for track."
-Luke Faeh, sophomore

Interfused

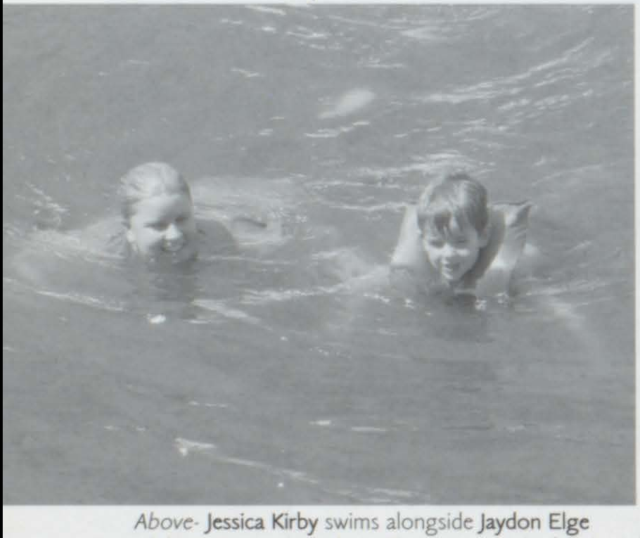
When the word "school" was mentioned, often anything but academics came to mind. Most people had thoughts of Homecoming, Stuco socials, speech, class trips, and, of course, the word on everyone's mind--GRADUATION! So, what exactly was the point of school? Was it the academics or was it the fun students had while participating in school activities?

Unfortunately, a high schooler's attention span lasted only a short time. Having realized this, the administration created activities, other than class lectures, to keep kids "busy." While keeping students motivated was a good thing, sometimes when the schedule got too full, some things lost their significance.

God sometimes got shoved under the rug and temporarily forgotten. The goal that should have motivated people was learning how to prioritize and give certain people and activities the amount of time they deserved. While students looked forward to things to come and learned to keep God number one, a common bond was formed, making them a group of interfused individuals, living for the future and the One who holds the future.

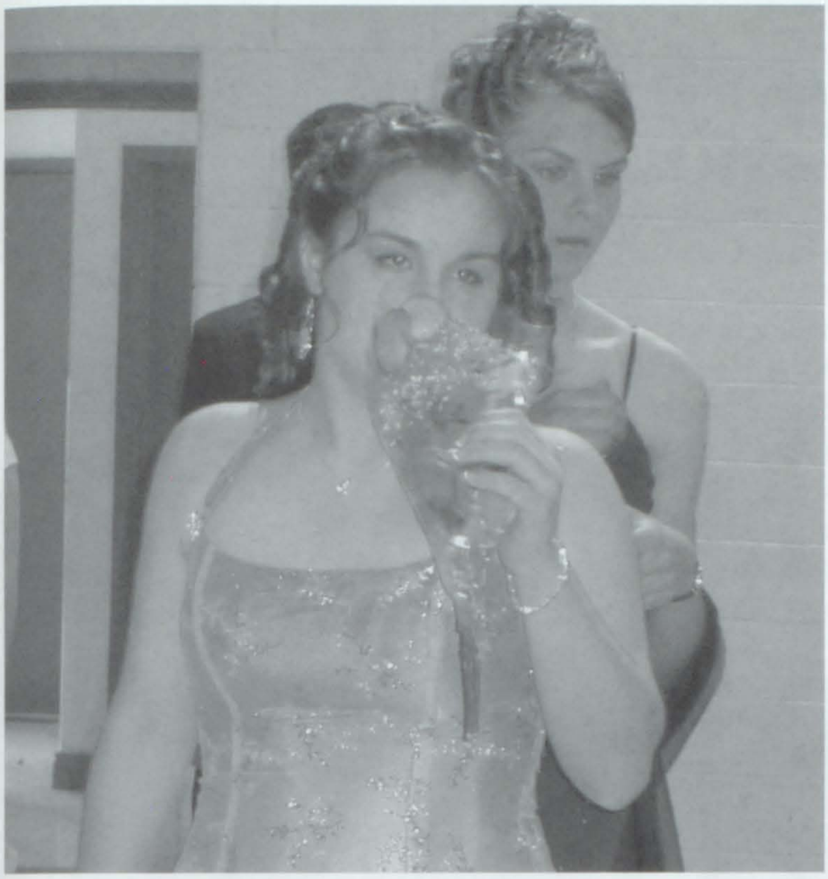
-Becca Brill

Right- **Mr. Brill** hangs on for dear life as Power Team member Jeremy Baker demonstrates how sin grows. Mr. Brill was the end result of one "little" sin.



Above- **Jessica Kirby** swims alongside **Jaydon Elge** while at Covenant Cedars. The seniors had a full-day retreat at the camp in August.

Right- During the Homecoming crowning ceremony, **Mrs. Uhler** reviews the candidates with **Ayami Fukushi**, **Ayano Otsuka**, and **Sevenna Chen**. The ceremony was held in the new weight room.



Top- **Abby Perez** ponders the scent of Annie Nickel's Junior/Senior rose, while **Laura Reimer** watches people getting their picture taken for the event. The theme for the night was "Under The Sea."

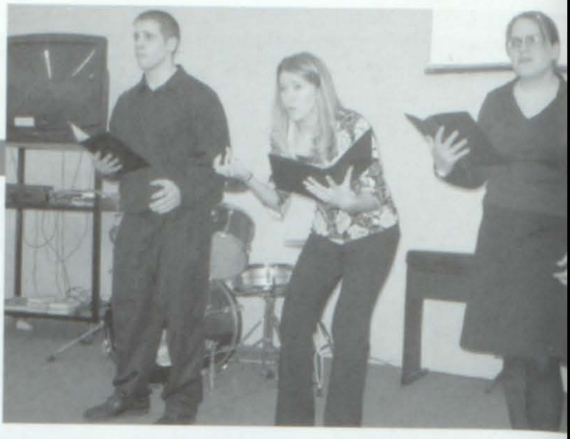
Above- During the speech showcase, **Will Dobson** presents his humorous speech "The Drowned Man." Will's specialty was humor, with the ability to bring a smile to almost everyone's face.

"Decorating for Junior/Senior was a lot of work, but it was fun."
-Kelli Garwood

"Jordan was delusional; I was the one who hit the ball." -Bill Griepenstroh
"Sometimes the girls get the best of us." -Jordan Ward

"Graduation was an opening to a new chapter in my life."
-Tyler Schreiber

Right- **Nic Ryan**, **Valerie Ritta**, and **Lisa Osler** give their O.I.D. entitled "The Importance of Being Earnest." Their speech did well at the majority of the speech meets throughout the year.



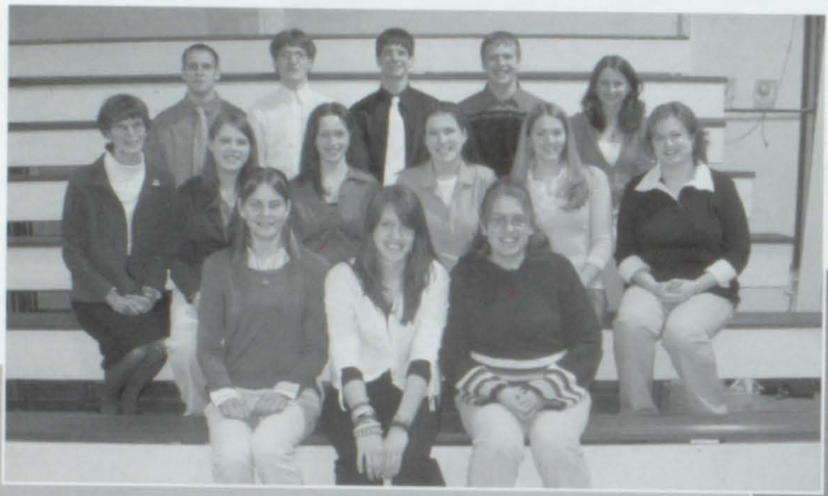
Speech: The Rough Ride

Speech-- there were no words to describe the roller coaster ride that this word implied. Throughout the season, speech brought hills, loop-dee-loops, fast turns, and sharp drop-offs.

Speech took endurance, diligence, and perseverance. From the time when the team crawled onto the bus at five in the morning, up until awards at around five in the afternoon, each member had to give their all to their event(s). This roller coaster brought the challenges of sleep deprivation, losing one's pride, and finding the time it took to memorize a speech.

Okay, this seemed like an insane death wish, but just like a roller coaster after the ride pulls to a stop, most of its victims will run around and get right back in line.

-Annie Nickel



Above- The speech team, left to right, front to back; Row 1: Laura Reimer, Annie Nickel, Lisa Osler *Row 2:* Assisant coach Ruth Ferris, Beth Ignowski, Carmen Dockweiler, Joyful Ruark, Valerie Ritta, Coach Becky Ritta *Row 3:* Nic Ryan, Brady Chase, Jason Weedin, Matt Ryan, Ashley Miller

Right- Presenting her humorous prose, **Laura Reimer** entertains the audience at the Speech Showcase. She played a harried mother relating her experiences teaching her kids to drive.

Middle- Trying to build the suspence in her audience, **Joyful Ruark** presents her serious prose in the Music and Worship Center. Her speech was entitled "A Child Called It."

Above- **Will Dobson** performs his speech, "The Drowned Man." No one expected the dark twist at the end of the piece.

low- Members of the Student Council plan different events while they eat ir lunch in Room 4.

ddle- Senior girls listen to the Christmas Banquet speaker Norm Krug, in "Conehead" hat, talk about aliens.

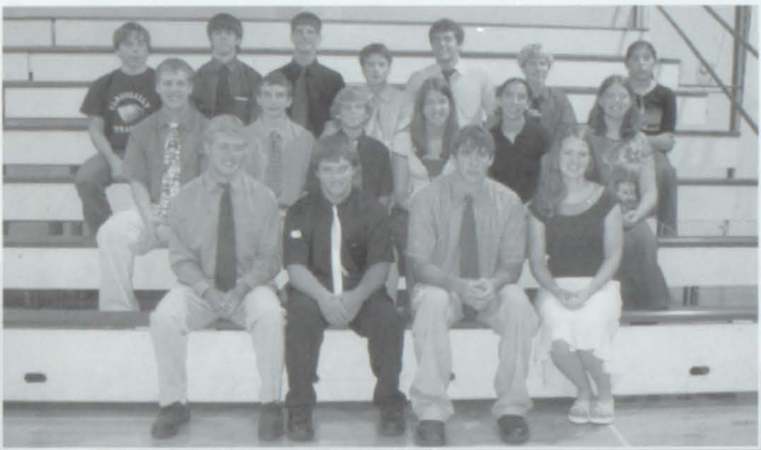
No Activity is Quite Like...Stuco

Student Council provided leadership opportunities for those who were elected by their fellow students. They were there to represent them in student body government.

At the beginning of the year, the Student Council was very busy organizing the Ice Cream Social. This event was designed to help new and returning students to interact and to get to know one another. They also planned the Homecoming activities, along with numerous pep rallies.

Planning the Christmas Brunch kept the council occupied at the end of the first semester. A crazy spring and hectic track schedule kept members of the Stuco too busy to plan additional events.

-Sam Krug

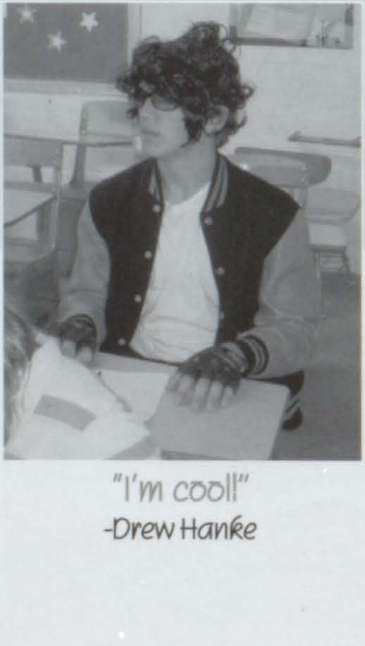


Above- The Student Council, left to right, front to back; Row 1: Sam Krug, Phillip Cunningham, Riley Garwood, Kelli Garwood *Row 2:* Matt Ryan, Cody Lobeda, Braden Swanson, Annie Nickel, Sarah Kauk, Beth Ignowski *Row 3:* Bill Griepenstroh, Jordan Ward, Jason Weedin, Truman Faeh, Micah Neely, Morgan Neely, Sarah Perez

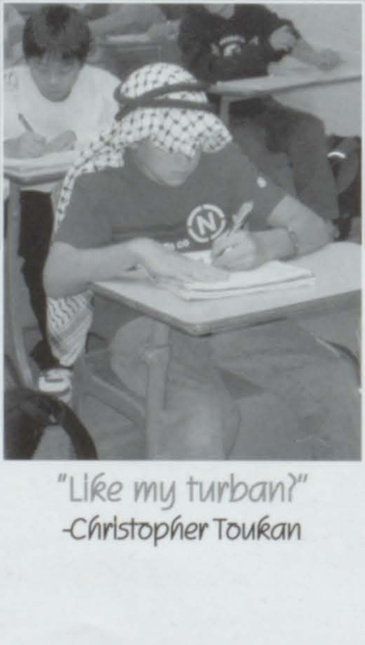
Left- **Jordan Ward** spins with his head on a bat. This was done as part of an obstacle course at the Student Council Social.

Right- **Sarah Kauk** and **Jason Weedin** continue to hold a smile as a multitude of cameras catch their images. They were crowned Homecoming King and Queen in the new weight room because of the frigid temperatures outside.
Below- **Phillip Cunningham** and **Mike Swanson** giddily open up their brand new pom-poms to be used in the upcoming volleyball game. They became the official "cheerleaders" pumping up the crowd while doing somersaults and giving high-fives during volleyball time-outs.

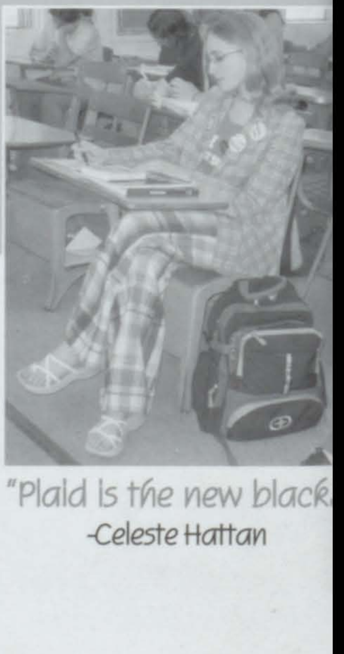
"We love our pants!!!"
-Sydney Zaruba and Charice Schweitzer



"I'm cool!"
-Drew Hanke



"Like my turban?"
-Christopher Toukan



"Plaid is the new black
-Celeste Hattan

Deep, Deep Down Everybody's Lovin' It

Ah, Homecoming - the week when you see people in your class like you have never seen them before. For instance, that really shy girl comes to school on Nerd day decked out in a terribly mismatched outfit covered with buttons. Or maybe on Pajama Day a guy in your class shows up with his favorite teddy bear that has no face. Whatever the case may be, everyone deep, deep down loves Spirit Week. It is a chance for people to come to school as they are. This year's day selection had its ups and downs. The week started off with Pajama Day; everyone, whether they want to admit it or not, loves that day (especially the teachers). Tuesday was Heritage Day - the day when people came dressed as their great-great-great grandparents would have. Wednesday was Toga Day, interesting and yet very disturbing at the same time. Thursday was Retro-Nerd Day. Take your pick, would you rather be a nerd or dress like your parents used to (is there much difference)? Friday was, of course, Blue and White Day. The week was capped off with the big Homecoming victory over Mead, followed by the crowning of Jason Weedin and Sarah Kauk as Homecoming King and Queen. Then came the after-Homecoming Party with hayrack rides and a small bonfire. Spirit Week tends to bring out the best and the worst in people. So there it was, another Spirit Week for the books. Deep, deep down we all know that everyone can't wait for next year's Homecoming festivities.

-Becca Brill

Above - Carefully following **Meagan Elge's** finger tracing, **Holly Urban** paints on the doorway leading into the gym building. They wanted people to read their message when they entered the building instead of having to use a mirror.

Left- With the wind to their right and a friend on their left, the juniors huddle together on their way to U.S. History. Almost everyone in the junior class dressed up on Blue and White Day showing their Eagle spirit.

Right- Standing up on his snowboard, **Troy Thieszen** prepares to head downhill. Many of the seniors chose to snowboard rather than ski.
Below- **Sarah Kauk** watches while **Kristi Johnson** models her ski boots and **Lindsey Hadenfeldt**, in the foreground, gathers her equipment. Some students were "veterans" on the slopes while others were first-timers. Unfortunately, several students spent much of the trip down with the flu.

"Excrutiatingly long shopping day!"
Brady Chase

"Elevated B.P."
Meagan Elge

"It was painful to fall down, but it was still fun."
Aigul Tokombaeva

"An epidemic of sickness!"
Sarah Rainbolt

Senior Retreat in One Word... "Exhilarating"

Whether the class is in snow, sun, or sand, students from NC can have fun anywhere, especially when they have less than 100 days left in their high school careers. The Senior Retreat is always an exhilarating experience as the class receives spiritual insight and looks forward to graduation. The usual goal for this retreat is "unification," but this year it was a little different.

On Sunday morning, February 27, the senior class left the school driveway in the familiar way that they did just three short years earlier when they went as freshmen to Washington, D.C. Driving eight hours and going to a church service in Denver was followed by arrival at Id-Ra-Ha-Je. Packing the first day's agenda, skiing or snowboarding the second day, and either shopping, skiing, snowboarding, or staying at the camp because of illness on the third day brought the trip to its conclusion. The class ended their trip with the traditional meal at Casa Bonita in Denver.

Mikayla Wegner said that the senior retreat was, "full of drama," while Holly Urban concluded that it was, "an experience quite out of the ordinary." Most of the seniors agreed that it was great to get away from school for awhile. In the words of Tyler Schreiber, "I wish it would have been longer--three days just wasn't enough."

Accompanying the seniors to Colorado, J.D. Senkbile, a 1999 graduate of Nebraska Christian, had much to share with the class during their trip. J.D. shared that the world is full of two basic groups of Christians. One group is made up of those who have been forgiven "little" and love "little." The other group is comprised of those who have been forgiven "much" and who therefore love "much." He shared that many of the students at Nebraska Christian have been forgiven "little" and need to break out of the regular rut that is so comfortable and, instead, choose to love "much."

-Meagan Elge

Above- **Brady Chase, Nic Ryan, Andrew Nunnenkamp, WIll Dobson, Troy Thieszen** and others play pitch together. A longstanding tradition of playing cards continued as students played pitch and spoons.

Left- Playing "Duck, Duck, Goose" may seem like an elementary game, but **Troy Thieszen, Micah Neely, Nic Ryan, Jason Weedin, Alysha Dexter, Tony Lao,** and **Lindsey Hadenfeldt** "take it to the next level" by playing it on their senior retreat. Classmates found many ways to entertain themselves on the trip. Playing cards, skiing, snowboarding, shopping, and other games kept them laughing and joking throughout their time together away from school.

Right- Waiting patiently for their dates to show, **Sydney Zaruba**, **Ashley Stone**, and **Charice Schweitzer** make small talk in the gym during pictures.
Below- **Jake Tonniges** gets a few winks in between courses, while the rest of the room buzzes with chit chat and giggles at the church in Stromsberg.

"Decorating the gym was fun."
-Shogo Kamiya

"Jr/Sr was a blast. It was great to do one last fun thing with the juniors before graduation."
-Joyful Ruark

"All the time we spent was worth it when we walked into the gym."
-Sarah Garwood

"The soda-bar was a really cool way to start the night."
-Laura Reimer

Bubbles and Buddies

It was the event of the season. Women in beautiful dresses paraded around with a handsome figure at their sides. Admiring paparazzi weaved in and out of the star-studded group, trying to get the "perfect" picture. Tedious preparation, long hard hours of work, and many phone calls (maybe a slight over exaggertion) were put into this event to make it all run smoothly, and they paid off.

The junior class put on quite a display for their comrads in the senior class. At first this seemed like an all too easy task, but when the ideas mounted, the complications grew. "Under the Sea" was their theme of choice and there were several commitees put into action to pull this idea together, including; food, entertainment, photography, location, and most important (and most elaborate) decoration. As the plan unfolded and the details fell into place, the load plopped on the shoulders of the junior class grew smaller and smaller until the blessed day of the event arrived when they could hand it over to those in charge. "We spent four months planning for a two-hour event, but it was totally worth it" said Becca Brill.

Walking into the church in Stromsburg, a stranger would see two classes intertwined into a group of friends with age as the only distinction between them. The food, decorations and Italian sodas faded into the background. The decorations and Italian sodas were wonderful benefits, but the friendships and laughter gave it the atmosphere that will forever be etched in the memory of those present.

-Annie Nickel

Above- Huddled around an open flame, **Emily Griess**, **Jena Ward**, **Tyler Schreiber**, **Jordan Ward**, and **Jordan Davis** experiment with their unique appetizer at the Junior/Senior Banquet. *Left*- The photographer helps things run a little smoother, while **Jason Weedin**, **Lindsey Hadenfeldt**, and **Kelli Garwood** attempt to fill out picture orders.

Right- **Aigul Tokombaeva** receives her diploma from Mr. Norm Krug. Mr. Krug was given the honor of handing the diplomas to the graduates because he was the school board chairman.

Below- **Kelsey Calkins** and **Alex Inman** walk down the aisle during the beginning of the graduation ceremony. Kelsey and Alex were the last two graduates to walk down the aisle toward the graduation stage.

Valerie Ritta smiles after receiving her diploma from her father, **Bob Ritta**. Staff parents and board members had the privilege of giving their children their diplomas.

Boys' dorm mom, **Trudy Hanke**, is given a lily from graduate **Carey Lam**. Some students' parents were unable to attend, so they had others serve the part.

After her name is called to be joined with her parents, **Jessica Kirby** is escorted down the risers by usher **Sam Krug**. The juniors with highest class rank served as ushers for graduation.

Jason Weedin, as one of the class speakers, thanks the parents and sta for all they have done. The senior class and administration chose three students to speak at graduation.

Answering Age-Old Questions and Pursuing Life After Graduation

Regardless of all difficulties, graduation day made the 13 years of sitting through classes and sometimes less-than-thrilling lectures seem worth it. Most students spent their senior year of high school answering a multitude of questions. Not only were they faced with a barrage of questions from teachers to test their accumulative knowledge from previous school years, but also they faced questions relating to the direction of the rest of their lives. Those questions included: "What are you doing after graduation?" "Where will you go to college?" "What do you want to be?"

For the class of 2005, answers to those questions came in many forms. Some went off to college immediately. Others chose to wait for awhile before deciding what to do with their lives. Two students joined the Navy, and two others decided to teach in China for a year after graduation.

No matter which path each student chose, what they learned at NC stuck with them in the bottom of their hearts. Not all students continued in their Christian walk, and some chose to reject, rather than to embrace the Truth. But others strived for excellence with a strong desire to be a light in this dark and depraved world. As long as the 2005 graduates continued to trust in God, all of life's tough questions were answered.

-Bill Griepenstroh

Above- The seniors listen attentively to Mr. Mike Neely as he gives the commencement address. Mr. Neely spoke on the four focus points of life, "desire," "destiny," "duh," and "danger."

Left- **Winter Flodman** wills **Micah Neely** a *GQ* fashion magazine for guys. Micah returned the favor by willing Winter $1.00 for her to buy a whole new outfit from Goodwill.

Meaggie Lynne

What a *great* time in your life with so much *ahead* of you! You are *pure joy* to us and your *excellence* is beyond our *expectation*!
We're praying
Ephesians 1:17 for you!
It's all about *Jesus*!

Love
Dad, Mom, Shelby, Isaac,
& Jaydon

Meagan Elge

Lindsey

We are all so proud of you and the choices you have made in your life. You are becoming a Godly young woman, and we know that God will continue to lead you as you continue to seek Him in your life. You have been a blessing in our home through your quiet and gentle spirit, and your sense of humor keeps us smiling! Congratulations on this milestone in your life!

"We pray...that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might..." *Col. 1:10-12*

All our love,
Dad, Mom, Katie, & Lauren

Lindsey Hadenfeldt

Alex

"HIS PLEASURE IS NOT IN THE STRENGTH OF THE HORSE, NOR HIS DELIGHT IN THE LEGS OF A MAN; THE LORD DELIGHTS IN THOSE WHO FEAR HIM, WHO PUT THEIR HOPE IN HIS UNFAILING LOVE."
PSALM 147:10&11

CONGRATULATIONS
ALEX!

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Sigourney

Alex Inman

Jessica

Jessica Kirby

The next chapter in your life is about to start. We pray that you continue to follow the path God has for you. We are very proud of you and we thank God for giving you to us!

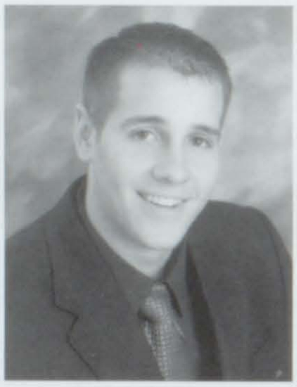
Love,
Dad & Mom

Nicholas

We are thankful you let God guide and strenghthen you.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope, by the power of the Holy Spirit."
Romans 15:13

Love Always,
Mom & Dad



Nicholas Ryan

Tyler

Tyler Schreiber

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight."
Proverbs 3:5&6

We praise the Lord for giving you to us!

Love,
Mom and Dad

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Holly

We love you and are proud of you. We have watched you grow and mature in Christ and are confident that you will do great things for Him.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Jeremy, CJ,
Kevin, Delno, & Darien

"...doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men." **Ephesians 6:7**

Holly Urban

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Congratulations! We'll miss you!

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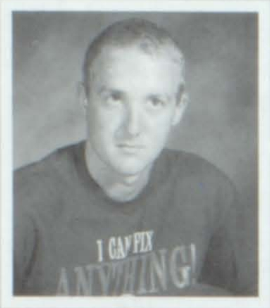

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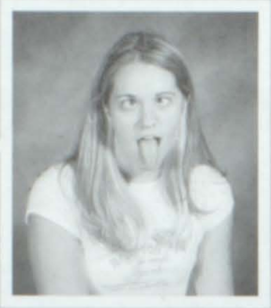

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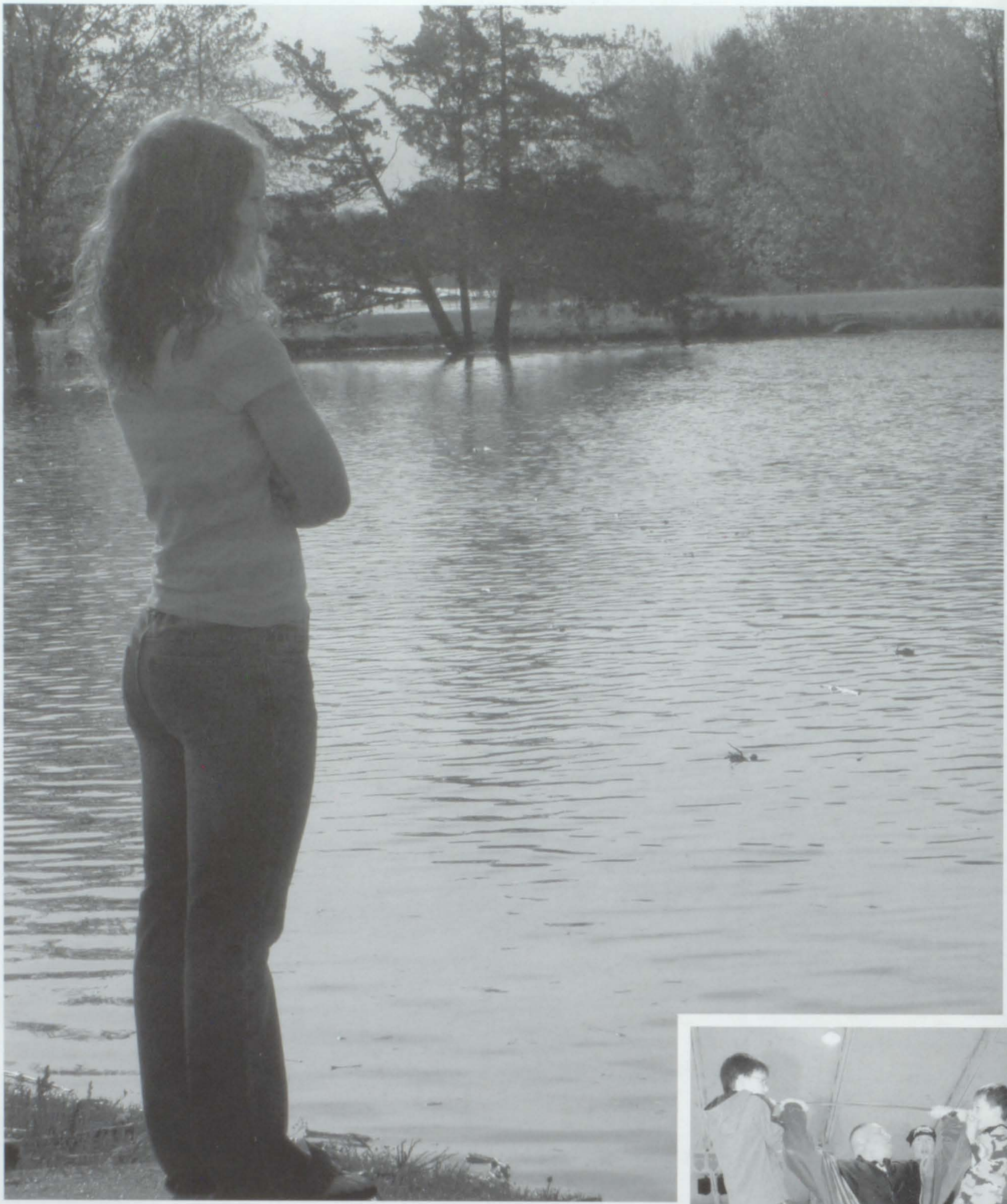

Above- **Kelli Garwood** looks over the flooded school parking lot south of the gym building. On the evening of May 11, 2005, severe storms hit the area and dumped over five inches of rain in a short time. Compiled with additional rainfall from the previous night, heavy flooding struck the area. Both of the main roads to gain access to the school were flooded over, and the lower areas on campus were like a lake for quite some time.

Right- Power Team member, Jeremy, displays his strength by shoulder pressing **Anthony Faeh** and **Braden Moody** several times. Both elementary and high school students were able to attend a school assembly done by the Power Team at which an inspiring talk was given.

Above- A long-standing NC tradition continues with senior class members "willing" things to each other at Senior Night on the night before graduation. *From left:* **Sarah Rainbolt**, **Meagan Elge**, **Mikayla Wegner**, **Holly Urban**, and **Jason Weedin**

Above right- **Kristi Johnson** receives her diploma from her dad. Staff members had the privilege of handing out their children's diplomas at graduation.

Right- **Jon Ritta** and **Brice Necker** concentrate carefully on their finals during the last week of school. Students ended a long year of academics with two-and-a-half days of gruelling tests.

Interspersed

When Nebraska Christian students were interpersed throughout the world at the close of the school year, some chose to use only the knowledge that they were taught, but others chose to reject and forget the essential morals and doctrines that were clearly shown to them. Others chose to use what they learned for the good of themselves and of others. These students abandoned the belief that this life revolves around people, sports, and activities. They brought with them out into the world not only the stories of those who influenced their lives, but also the truth and wisdom that the faculty impressed so heavily upon them.

Regardless of how this book is interpreted, the reader should see a bigger picture of the purpose of Nebraska Christian Schools. This book was not made just to tell the story of the 2004-2005 school year, but to convey the reality of something more. The motto on the sign just off campus says: "Building Lives for Eternity." The true goal of Nebraska Christian is just that, to impact the lives of those who are involved with the school so deeply that when the students intersperse throughout the world, they are eager to tell anyone who will listen about the impact God has had on their lives.

And so the story has come to an end. If this page is turned, there will be no more pictures, unique layouts, fascinating articles, or humorous quotes. Every school year begins, and every school year ends. Students become intertwined, and then students become interspersed.

-Bill Griepenstroh

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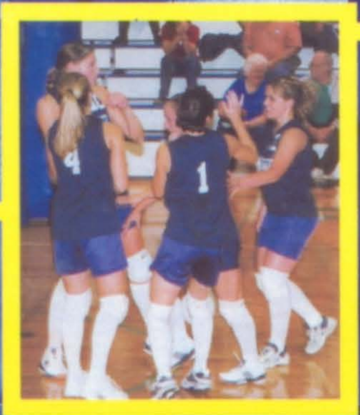

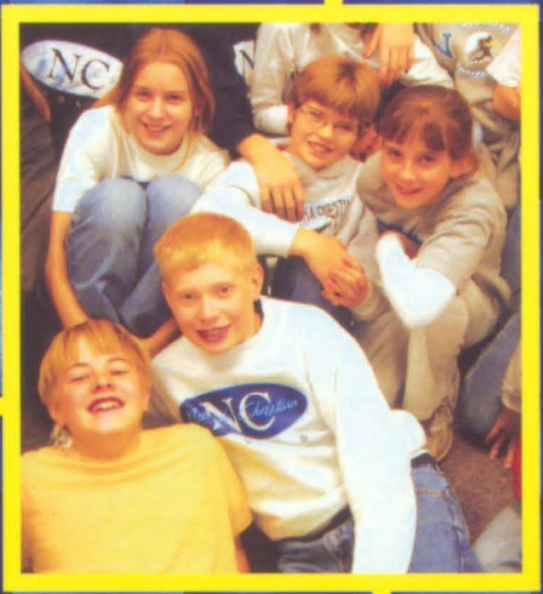

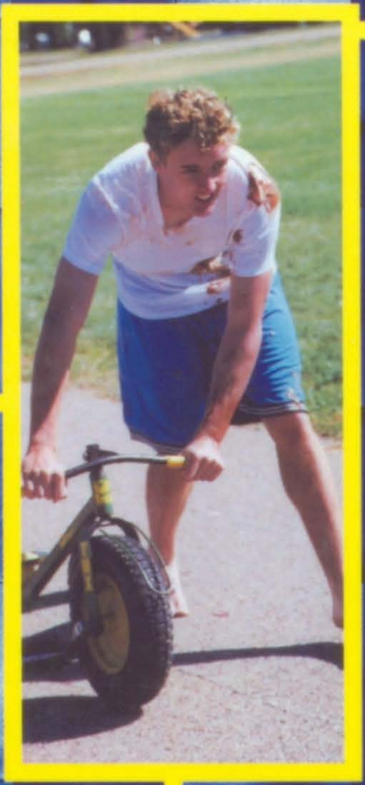

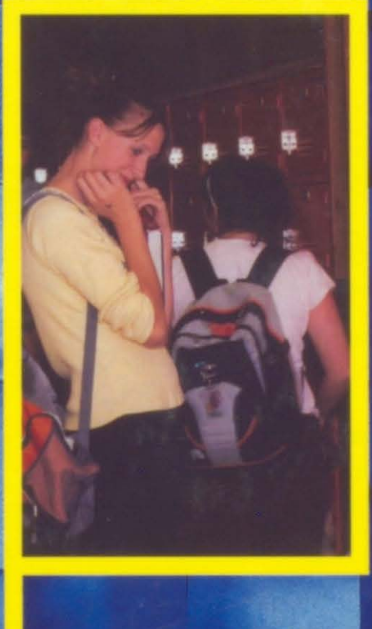

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